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India's third lunar odyssey begins with perfect launch

Spacecraft enters elliptic parking orbit; soft landing likely on August 23; next 42 days crucial, says ISRO chief; Chandrayaan-3 is a testament to our scientists' relentless dedication: Modi

Hemanth C.S.
SRIHARIKOTA

India's third moon mission, Chandrayaan-3, was successfully launched onboard a Launch Vehicle Mark-3 (LVM-3) rocket from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota at 2.35 p.m. on Friday.

This is India's second attempt at soft-landing robotic instruments on the lunar surface after the previous attempt, Chandrayaan-2, failed in 2019. Thus far, only three countries, the U.S., Russia and China, have successfully soft-landed on the moon.

Speaking to reporters after the launch, ISRO Chairman S. Somanath said the next 42 days are crucial. "The landing is currently planned on August 23 at 5.47 p.m. IST, if everything goes as per plan," he said.

Ambitious mission: The rocket carrying Chandrayaan-3 lifts off from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota on Friday. PTI

Hailing the launch, Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted: "Chandrayaan-3 scripts a new chapter in India's space odyssey. It soars high, elevating the dreams and ambitions of every Indian... This momentous achievement is a testament to our scientists' relentless dedication. I salute their spirit and ingenuity!"

Minister of State Jitendra Singh, who was present at the launch, said, "It is indeed a moment of glory for India. Thank you Team ISRO for making India proud... Today is also a day of vindication: vindication of the dream Vikram Sarabhai [had] six decades ago."

Around 16 minutes after the LVM-3 lifted off, the spacecraft separated from the rocket. It was an integrated module comprising the propulsion module, the lander module, and the rover. It entered an elliptic parking orbit (EPO).

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'Speeding is top reason for accidents on expressways'

The Hindu Bureau
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Speeding on expressways is leading to a majority of accidents in the city, according to law-enforcement agencies and experts, who also do not rule out engineering problems and manual errors apart from a lack of lane discipline.

Data showed that 100 people lost their lives in 84 accidents on the Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway in the last four months, while in the first six months of this year, 45 fatal accidents occurred on the Kempegowda International Airport Expressway. While 223 non-fatal accidents took place on the Bengaluru Mysuru Expressway, injuring over 300 people, 125 accidents occurred on the KIA Expressway.

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A step closer: PM Narendra Modi and President Emmanuel Macron during the Bastille Day celebrations in Paris on Friday. ANI

India, France set to co-develop jet engine

Dinakar Peri
PARIS

Taking the defence cooperation between India and France to a new level, the two countries announced that they will extend their "ground-breaking" defence cooperation in advanced aeronautical technologies by supporting the joint development of a combat aircraft engine and also an engine for the Indian multi-role helicopter (IMRH) being designed and developed by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.

This is among the several announcements made by the two sides on the defence front. Both nations also announced cooperation on small and advanced modular reactors and finalisation of the joint Earth observation satellite, among others.

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Sunil Chhetri: Indian football's centre of gravity

At a time when most sporting careers would have wound down, the 38-year-old seems fitter and more energetic than ever – and it finally feels like he is captaining a national team that matches his self-assurance and drive

N. Sudarshan

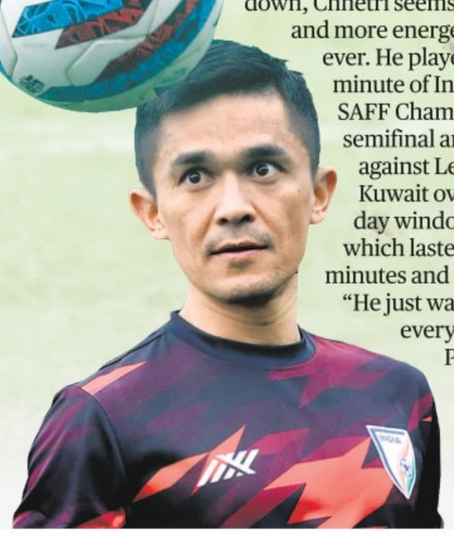
Just over five years ago, when India was competing in the four-nation Intercontinental Cup in Mumbai, Sunil Chhetri made an impassioned plea urging fans to come and watch national team matches at the stadium. A paltry 2000-odd people had turned up for India's victory over Chinese Taipei, and it required prayers from Chhetri, and fellow India sporting greats in Virat Kohli, Sachin Tendulkar and Sania Mirza, to goad supporters to fill up the Mumbai Football Arena.

On July 4, 2023, more than 26,000 fans witnessed India lift its ninth SAFF Championship trophy at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru. Chhetri, nearly 39, stood grinning ear-to-ear and basked in the limelight. Through the fortnight, aficionados had thronged the venue, undeterred by the rains and the cold blustery winds. There were no social media appeals, no amplification techniques. Everything felt pure and organic.

To many, it was a definitive sign that the new-age Indian football fan was in it for the long haul. The SAFF Championship success, close on the heels of the triumph in the Intercontinental Cup in June, may not have come against higher-ranked opponents. The players, Chhetri included, are still a far cry from their illustrious European and South American peers. Even now, India is 100th in the FIFA rankings and is only the 18th-best nation in the Asian confederation.

But there is an unmistakable buzz of positivity around Indian football these days. Under head coach Igor Stimac, there is a genuine attempt to play a progressive style of football. There is a new crop of younger and fitter players that is emerging, coached in modern-day methods and tactics in highly professionalised set-ups.

Chhetri is that Indian side's centre of gravity. It finally feels like he is part of a team that matches his self-assurance and drive. At a time when most sporting careers would have wound down, Chhetri seems fitter and more energetic than ever. He played every minute of India's SAFF Championship semifinal and final against Lebanon and Kuwait over a four-day window, both of which lasted 120 minutes and more.



"He just wants to win at everything," says Pradhyum Reddy, who was the assistant coach at Bengaluru FC (BFC) when the club was formed in 2013. "Whether it is table tennis, badminton or cards... he is just super competitive. That is infectious, and as a coach you would want that.

"When the younger players see him, they are like 'wow, he is still doing it at 38'. When foreign players come into an Indian club and they see an Indian player being such a good role model, they realise that it is a serious environment here."

It was not a preordained role for Chhetri, but something he grew into. In a glittering career that has seen him score 92 international goals from 142 games – fourth in the all-time list – and win the SAFF Championship (four times), Nehru Cup (thrice), Indian Super League (once), I-League (four times) and Federation Cup (twice), there have been humbling experiences that have given him a sense of perspective and helped him evolve.

When he arrived at BFC, he was the bona fide star in a team of relative unknowns. But manager Ashley Westwood benched him for the first game and when he did play, it was on the left and not in his usual position up top.

The foreign stints at Kansas City Wizards (USA) and Sporting Lisbon 'B' (Portugal) didn't go well as he struggled for game time.

In the last two seasons, Chhetri hasn't been a sure-shot starter for BFC too, making the XI in only 26 of 40 ISL games. From 2017 to 2021, Chhetri had started 76 of 78.

But there was seldom any outward bitterness, only the unflinching desire to work harder than ever and be an example. He showed his real worth in the four playoff matches in 2022-23 as BFC reached the ISL final. He didn't start any of those matches, but scored three of BFC's five goals, including a cheeky free-kick that left Kerala Blasters deeply embarrassed and a remarkable header after hoodwinking a defence led by Mumbai City FC's Mourtada Fall, a player nearly a foot taller.

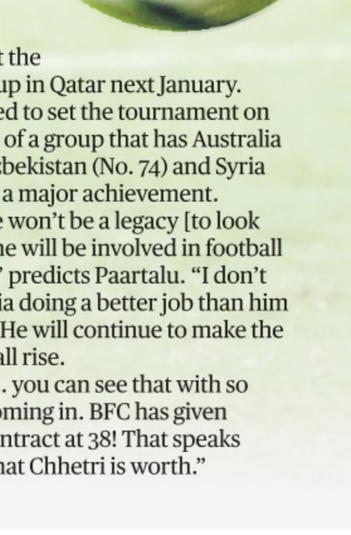
"It was a bit tough to see him come off the bench the whole of last season, but during the business end of matches, in those clutch moments, there is no one else you would want around you to take a penalty, a free-kick, to score a goal from a header," says former Australia international Erik Paartalu, who shared the dressing room with Chhetri at BFC from 2017 to 2021. "Just to lead with his willingness to win the game. Everyone believes that they can win the game when Sunil is on the pitch."

It is this same zeal that has characterised his fitness work, for to prance around a football turf and be sprightly when you are close to 40 is a task beyond most. Spencer Mackay, Head of Strength and Conditioning at the Inspire Institute of Sport, where the Indian captain has trained for a considerable period, says that Chhetri's success is more earned than given.

"During Covid, we did a solid eight-week training block for enhancing his strength and building his power from that strength so that we could maximise his speed," recollects Mackay.

"For that, he was ready to be coached by our 14 and 15-year-old female wrestlers, who are very good weight-lifters. Even if it means an improvement of 0.01%, he is going to take that. In my position, I have seen some of India's best athletes, like Neeraj [Chopra], Vinesh [Phogat]. Chhetri is one of them. So I am not surprised in the slightest [at what he is doing], but still in awe every single time.

"He didn't play every minute of the ISL but against the Middle East teams [Kuwait and Lebanon in the SAFF Championship], there is a fair jump in the standards. So, fundamentally, he re-conditioned himself to the requirements of the game, to take that higher intensity, going into extra-time and penalties. If I was putting my money on someone to do it, it would be him."



However, even the most magical of sporting journeys is in a constant search for an end-of-career legacy-defining feat, and Chhetri would be hoping for that to come at the 2023 AFC Asian Cup in Qatar next January. India isn't expected to set the tournament on fire. But to get out of a group that has Australia (World No. 27), Uzbekistan (No. 74) and Syria (No. 94) would be a major achievement.

"For Sunil there won't be a legacy [to look back at] because he will be involved in football in some capacity," predicts Paartalu. "I don't see anyone in India doing a better job than him on the pitch now. He will continue to make the standard of football rise.

He is the one key... you can see that with so many sponsors coming in. BFC has given him a two-year contract at 38! That speaks volumes about what Chhetri is worth."

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> **SPENCER MACKAY,** Head of Strength and Conditioning, Inspire Institute of Sport

SUNIL CHHETRI

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STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Carlos Alcaraz	20	7,675	18
2	Novak Djokovic	36	7,595	16
3	Daniil Medvedev	27	5,890	22
4	Casper Ruud	24	4,960	23
5	Stefanos Tsitsipas	24	4,670	21
6	Holger Rune	20	4,510	25
7	Andrey Rublev	25	4,255	25
8	Jannik Sinner	21	3,345	22
9	Taylor Fritz	25	3,310	24
10	Frances Tiafoe	25	3,085	22
11	Karen Khachanov	27	3,035	20
12	Felix Auger-Aliassime	22	2,760	22
13	Cameron Norrie	27	2,610	22
14	Borna Coric	26	2,305	21
15	Tommy Paul	26	2,250	24

Top Indians

Sumit Nagal
Rank 225 ▼ 3 spots

Mukund Sasikumar
Rank 385 ▼ 2 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Iga Swiatek	22	8,990	18
2	Aryna Sabalenka	25	8,066	17
3	Elena Rybakina	24	5,090	20
4	Jessica Pegula	29	4,995	18
5	Caroline Garcia	29	4,845	25
6	Ons Jabeur	28	3,547	17
7	Coco Gauff	19	3,435	19
8	Maria Sakkari	27	3,301	22
9	Petra Kvitova	33	3,101	15
10	Daria Kasatkina	26	2,935	25
11	Barbora Krejcikova	27	2,830	22
12	Veronika Kudermetova	26	2,600	22
13	Beatriz Haddad Maia	27	2,560	23
14	Belinda Bencic	26	2,380	18
15	Liudmila Samsonova	24	2,360	21

Top Indians

Ankita Raina
Rank 197 ▲ No change

Karman Thandi
Rank 233 ▲ 2 spots

F1 Drivers' standings

#	Driver	Team	Points	Wins
1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull	255	8
2	Sergio Perez	Red Bull	156	2
3	Fernando Alonso	Aston Martin	137	0
4	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	121	0
5	Carlos Sainz	Ferrari	83	0
6	George Russell	Mercedes	82	0
7	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	74	0
8	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin	44	0
9	Lando Norris	McLaren	42	0
10	Esteban Ocon	Alpine	31	0
11	Oscar Piastri	McLaren	17	0
12	Pierre Gasly	Alpine	16	0
13	Alex Albon	Williams	11	0
14	Nico Hulkenberg	Haas	9	0
15	Valtteri Bottas	Alfa Romeo	5	0
16	Zhou Guanyu	Alfa Romeo	4	0
17	Yuki Tsunoda	AlphaTauri	2	0
18	Kevin Magnussen	Haas	2	0
19	Logan Sargeant	Williams	0	0
20	Nyck de Vries	AlphaTauri	0	0

Max Verstappen

Sergio Perez

F1 Constructors' standings

Pos	Team	Points	Wins
1	Red Bull	411	10
2	Mercedes	203	0
3	Aston Martin	181	0
4	Ferrari	157	0
5	McLaren	59	0
6	Alpine	47	0
7	Williams	11	0
8	Haas	11	0
9	Alfa Romeo	9	0
10	AlphaTauri	2	0

Badminton Men's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	Viktor Axelsen	101,205	12
2	Anthony Sinisuka Ginting	89,811	16
3	Kodai Naraoka	77,015	21
4	Kunlavut Vitidsarn	74,898	15
5	Shi Yu Qi	70,554	18
6	Loh Kean Yew	69,882	19
7	Li Shi Feng	69,488	20
8	Chou Tien Chen	68,627	20
9	Prannoy H. S.	67,677	18
10	Jonatan Christie	67,541	15
11	Kenta Nishimoto	60,517	20
12	Lakshya Sen	54,901	18
13	Lu Guang Zu	54,790	18
14	Ng Ka Long Angus	54,522	20
15	Kanta Tsuneyama	54,271	19

Top Indians

Prannoy H. S.
Rank 9

Lakshya Sen
Rank 12

Badminton Women's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	Akane Yamaguchi	104,517	15
2	An Se Young	102,264	14
3	Chen Yu Fei	93,396	13
4	Tai Tzu Ying	88,486	13
5	He Bing Jiao	79,974	16
6	Carolina Marin	76,890	17
7	Ratchanok Intanon	65,523	16
8	Gregoria Mariska Tunjung	63,151	20
9	Han Yue	61,720	19
10	Wang Zhi Yi	59,430	16
11	Pornpawee Chochuwong	57,219	19
12	P.V. Sindhu	54,830	14
13	Beiwen Zhang	53,995	21
14	Busanan Ongbamrungphan	53,444	15
15	Michelle Li	52,711	19

Top Indians

P.V. Sindhu
Rank 12

Saina Nehwal
Rank 31

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Kane Williamson	883	919
2	Travis Head	874	884
3	Babar Azam	862	882
4	Steve Smith	855	947
5	Marnus Labuschagne	849	937
6	Joe Root	842	923
7	Usman Khawaja	824	847
8	Daryl Mitchell	792	800
9	Dimuth Karunaratne	780	783
10	Rishabh Pant	758	801

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	R. Ashwin	860	904
2	Pat Cummins	828	914
3	Kagiso Rabada	825	902
4	James Anderson	805	903
5	Shaheen Afridi	787	836
6	Stuart Broad	781	880
7	Ollie Robinson	777	820
8	Nathan Lyon	775	799
9	Jasprit Bumrah	772	835
9	Ravindra Jadeja	765	899

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Babar Azam	886	898
2	Rassie van der Dussen	777	796
3	Fakhar Zaman	755	784
4	Imam-ul-Haq	745	815
5	Shubman Gill	738	738
6	Harry Tector	726	726
6	David Warner	726	880
8	Virat Kohli	719	911
9	Quinton de Kock	718	813
10	Rohit Sharma	707	885

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Josh Hazlewood	705	733
2	Mohammed Siraj	691	736
3	Mitchell Starc	686	783
4	Rashid Khan	682	806
5	Matt Henry	667	691
6	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	661	712
7	Trent Boult	660	775
8	Adam Zampa	652	655
9	Shaheen Afridi	630	688
10	Shakib Al Hasan	618	717

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Suryakumar Yadav	906	910
2	Mohammad Rizwan	811	875
3	Babar Azam	756	896
4	Aiden Markram	748	796
5	Rilee Rossouw	724	724
6	Muhammad Waseem	716	716
7	Devon Conway	709	831
8	Dawid Malan	705	915
9	Aaron Finch	680	900
10	Jos Buttler	670	674

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Rashid Khan	710	816
2	Fazalhaq Farooqi	692	692
3	Josh Hazlewood	690	806
4	Wanindu Hasaranga	686	797
5	Maheesh Theekshana	684	684
5	Adil Rashid	684	746
7	Adam Zampa	678	743
8	Sam Curran	673	688
9	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	668	745
10	Anrich Nortje	667	695

Hebbal, Nagawara lakes deprived of maintenance

With the Forest Department trying to transfer the two lakes to the BBMP for a long time now, residents and activists say not much attention is being given to the welfare of the lakes

Jahnavi T. R.
BENGALURU

The Hebbal lake in Bengaluru. Citizens the Forest Department is well suited to maintain lakes given their scientific expertise. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Staff shortage and fund crunch with the Forest Department have hindered the maintenance of two major lakes in North Bengaluru in Hebbal, and Nagawara. Residents alleged that with no authorities nearby, many have resorted to encroachment and dumping of waste near the lakes.

With the department trying to transfer the two lakes to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike for a long time now, residents and activists say not much attention is being given to the welfare of the lakes.

"They are holding it for the sake of holding it. While they are keeping the water clean, they are doing nothing else for maintenance. Some of us active residents are keeping a watch on those who come and dump garbage and tell them not to do so. But without a proper custodian, this will only increase, and some encroachment might also begin," said Kiran Kumar, of Hebbal Sarovara Residents' Welfare Association.

He added that silt from the lake is also being dumped on the bank of the lake by civic bodies after desilting. "When we talk to the officials of the Forest Department, they said that they do not have money to maintain the lake," Mr. Kumar said.

Nagawara lake went 'public' in 2019 after the department did not renew the lease of a private firm that was running a water park, boating club, and artificial beach at the lake.

However, citizens reported that there is no entry to the public into the lake as there is no guard posted there.

"There are not many problems with the lake except for the presence of many water isles in the wetland. Some portion of the wetland has been taken for the building of a metro station. The issue is that the gate of the lake is kept locked. Even though the residents and lake activists have shown interest in maintaining the lake in association with the department, there is no proper response from their side," said V. Ramprasad, convenor, Friends of Lakes.

An official from the Forest Department, who requested anonymity, confirmed that there were not enough funds or staff members to maintain the two lakes.

"It is right that the government has not released funds to maintain these lakes. There is only one guard who is deputed for three lakes - Hebbal, Nagawara, and Hennur," he said.

He further said, "The lake had been given to us for 20 years for protection. But now we will hand it over to the BBMP soon. There has been a verbal order from the Revenue Minister, and it will soon be finalised."

Citizens are of the opinion that the Forest Department is well suited to maintain lakes given their scientific expertise. "Technically, the Forest Department is the right authority to take care of lakes. But according to the 74th Amendment Act, all such assets (like lakes) should be with the local governing body, which in this case is the BBMP," said Mr. Ramprasad.

He also said, "Nevertheless, if the department is transferring the lakes to BBMP, then they should transfer all the land which belongs to the lake according to the survey numbers."

Kalena Agrahara to Nagawara line to be ready by March 2025, says Shivakumar

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister, D.K. Shivakumar, who the reviewed progress of the construction of the tunnel under phase 2 of the metro rail project on Friday, said the Kalena Agrahara to Nagawara line will be ready by March 2025.

The tunnel under Reach 6 connects Kalena Agrahara to Nagawara. The 21.26 km long tunnel will house 18 stations across the line. The stations will come up at Dairy Circle, Lakkasandra, Langford, RMS, M. G. Road, Shivaji Nagar, Cantonment, Pottery Town, Tannery Road, Venkateshpura, K.G. Halli, and Nagawara.

While the tunnel works in multiple areas are completed between 54% to 100%, the station works are completed between 48% to 79%.

Under Brand Bengaluru, the government will focus on projects that fix traffic woes. Dy.CM said metro works will be completed on priority. He inspected the work site at under construction metro stations at M.G. Road, and Lakkasandra.

Talking about much-hyped tunnel roads, Mr. Shivakumar said, he is currently studying the pros and cons of the project and soon he will share details about fresh development in this connection.

Entry to Yeshwantpur stn. from PF 1 side to be shut

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In view of the redevelopment works taken up at the Yeshwantpur Railway Station, entry to the station from Platform No 1 side (Yeshwantpur Market side) will be completely closed for passengers as a temporary measure from 00.00 hrs of July 18 until further notification.

SWR in a release said, Passengers can use the platform 6 side entry to access all platforms.

Heightened security check at Vidhana Soudha: Over 250 invalid passes seized

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The city police, who heightened security checks at Vidhana Soudha over the last week, have seized over 250 invalid passes being used by individuals to enter the administrative nerve centre of the State while the Legislature session was on.

The drive followed an incident on July 7 wherein a senior citizen, Tipperudrappa, entered the Assembly hall, claiming to be the MLA of Molakalmuru, when the State Budget was being presented, exposing chinks in security at Vidhana Soudha.

Meanwhile, the city police are mulling roping in tech solutions to fill any security gaps at Vidhana Soudha.

Report sought

Dr. Sharanappa, Joint Commissioner (Crime), who led the special drive after being directed by Home Minister G. Parameshwara, sought a report from the city police on beefing up security on the premises of Vidhana Soudha.

"We have instructed our personnel at the gates to check everyone and the passes they flash in detail.

This led to over 250 invalid passes being used getting caught," he said.

Photocopies used

Sources in the police said that while many were passes that were issued for an earlier period of time and had expired, they had also uncovered some passes that were "colour Xerox" of valid passes issued to someone else.

These photocopy passes mostly pertained to vehicle passes issued to MLAs and their personnel, photocopied by their supporters. A senior official said that they had snatched these invalid passes and their users were let off with a warning not to repeat this.

The official said they were mulling booking such people who entered Vidhana Soudha with invalid credentials for trespass.

Meanwhile, a female employee of the secretariat was also found to be carrying a kitchen knife in her bag, which she claimed was to be used to cut fruits during lunch time. She was let off with a warning.

Whitefield Rising wants FIR against telecom firm CEOs

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Whitefield Rising, a citizens' collective from the Whitefield area that houses the city's tech corridor has lodged a complaint with the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Whitefield) seeking aN FIR against the CEOs of all major telecom service providers for laying illegal Optic Fibre Cables (OFCs) in the area.

A copy of the complaint available with *The Hindu* said: " While there are set guidelines and specific contracts on how cable companies have to provide connectivity, they are never followed by the companies or the sub-contractors in charge of the actual work on ground...It is crucial to scrutinise the responsibility of the companies and their respective leaders operating in the Whitefield area".

"It is imperative to evaluate whether these organisations have fulfilled their responsibilities in ensuring the safety and well-being of the community during the deployment and maintenance of their respective broadband networks. Of importance to be noted is that these companies while reaping profits from such networks do not take responsibility as they subcontract their work to small-time contractors. Large Telecom Operators cannot function in this manner, They are squarely responsible for the actions of their sub-contractors," it further said.

The complaint comes in the wake of a long struggle to rid the area of illegal OFCs that have posed a public safety hazard as most of the roads are dug up, leaving uneven surfaces on the road and OFCs on trees leading to even the death of a commuter in the area in 2022, Whitefield Rising said.

A senior police official said that they were examining the complaint and mulling the next course of action, but refused to say whether they would file a FIR against the CEOs of leading Telecom Service Providers .

Applications invited

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University of Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE) has invited applications for the post of Guest Faculties from suitable candidates for the academic year 2023-24. Applications are on its website www.uvce.ac.in

Three arrested for vandalising car in city

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Police have arrested three youths who had deliberately picked up a fight with a car owner, threatened him, and vandalised his car on Varthur road. The car owner had posted a video of the incident on Twitter seeking action from the city police, responding to which an FIR was registered at Varthur Police Station, and the police have now arrested three youths involved in the incident.

They have been identified as Keshava, Ravindra, and Ganesha, all residents of Domlur.

The video posted by the car owner Ron showed that two of the three now arrested were riding two-wheelers haphazardly obstructing the pathway of the car on Varthur road.

Bengaluru City Police tweeted and said: "Zero tolerance towards such deceptive elements. Please note, the accused have been arrested!".

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our Client **Mr. R.Mugilan and Sheela.P,** Kaval Byrasandra, Bangalore- 560032 is intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from MR. M. Palani S/o. Manickam, any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our client/s shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Immovable property bearing residential **Site No.30,** BBMP Khatha No. 190, formed in Layout Known and called as **"SAMUDRIKAA ENCLAVE"** formed in converted survey No. 23/9, situated at **KYALASANAHALLI VILLAGE, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk,** measuring East to West: 40.58 Feet, and North to South: 30 Feet, in all measuring **1217 Square Feet,** now comes under limits of BBMP and bounded on the:

East by : 25 feet wide Road, West by : Sy. No. 23/10, North by : Site No. 29, South by : Site No. 31.

C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN M.A., L.L.B.
Advocates & Legal Consultants
Bangalore-43. M: 9845846428, 9108784843

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client propose to purchase the Schedule Property from **Smt. Jayashree Rao,** D/o. Late. S. B. Gopinath alias Santhebennur Bhimasenrao Gopinath, **Sister of Late. G. Vishwanath,** W/o. Sri. Ranganatha Rao, aged about 69 years and **Smt. Ragini Ambrish,** D/o. Late. S. B. Gopinath alias Santhebennur Bhimasenrao Gopinath, **Sister of Late. G. Vishwanath** and W/o. Sri. Ambrish Krishnamurthy, aged about 56 years, both residing in Bangalore and they represented to my client that they are the absolute owners of the Schedule Property described below with unrestricted rights of alienation over the same and no other person/s has/have any right, title, interest or claim of whatsoever over the same and the property is free from all encumbrances, charges, mortgage and lien and they have not entered into any Agreement for Sale or any other commitment in respect thereof.

Any person having any right, title, interest or whatsoever claim against the Schedule Property or having any objection of whatsoever nature to the proposed transaction may, within **10 DAYS** hereof, lodge with us his/her/their/its claim in writing in this behalf with the relevant documentary proof in support of such right, title, interest or claim or objection. If no such claim or objection is received within the said period, my client will presume that no person has any such claim and will proceed with the transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY:

All that piece and parcel of the residential Property bearing Municipal **No.7,** PID No.55-130-7, old Ward No.55, New Ward No.182, situated at **9th Main, Revenue Layout, Radhakrishna Layout, Bangalore** earlier Site No.17/1, Khatha No.719, Kadirenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West:40-0 feet and North to South:40-0 feet, together with RCC roofed building consisting Ground, First and Second Floor with all amenities and bounded on: **East by: Ganesha Bekary Proprietor's Property. West by : 25 feet Road, North by : Sri. Chikkanna's Property, South by : 8 feet Road.**

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Place : Bangalore Date : 14-07-2023

SAI

Request For Proposal Notice

Sports Authority of India, NSSC, Bangalore invites Request for Proposal (RFP) for following: -

1. SAI/NSSC/ENGG/RFP-5/2023-24 to Appoint a Management Operator to Operate & Maintain Food Corner of Shopping Complex at SAI, NSSC, Bangalore.
2. SAI/NSSC/ENGG/RFP-6/2023-24 to Appoint a Management Operator to Operate & Maintain Unisex Salon of Shopping Complex at SAI, NSSC, Bangalore.
3. SAI/NSSC/ENGG/RFP-7/2023-24 to Appoint a Management Operator to Operate & Maintain Grocery Shop of Shopping Complex at SAI, NSSC, Bangalore.
4. SAI/NSSC/ENGG/RFP-8/2023-24 to Appoint a Management Operator to Operate & Maintain Apparel Shop of Shopping Complex at SAI, NSSC, Bangalore.

For more details please visit E-Tender website http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app, https://sportsauthorityofindia.nic.in/sai/, https://saibengaluru.com/.

The Last date of Submission of E-Tender is 04.08.2023 up to 16.00 hrs.

Sd/-
Regional Director I/C

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P. C.

Whereas a complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **M.D. Yameen** Dirctor of M/S Ambssy Contractor Pvt. Ltd. AT M-53A, Basment Malviya Nagar, Delhi also AT 46 2nd main Natraj Layout, 7th phase, J.P Nagar, Bangalore 560078, have committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence under **case No.515655 /16 U/s 138 NI Act.,** has been registered at **P.S. Kamla Market, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said, **M.D Yameen** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said, **M.D. Yameen** has absconded (or is concealing herself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused, **M.D.Yameen of under case No. 515655/16 U/s 138 NI Act., registered at PS. Kamla Market, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **25.08.2023.**

By Order
Ms. Bhujali, (MM)
Court No. 201, 2nd floor court building Annexe-II, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/7694/CD/2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General public are hereby notified that, our clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its Owners **(I) SRI. C.R.SRINATH (ii) SRI. C.R. PRABHAKAR and (iii) SRI. C.R. GOVARDHANA SETTY,** sons of late Sri.C.J.Rathnam Setty, residing at No.54, Flat No.404, 4th Floor, Ashish Pride Apartments, Subbarama Chetty Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004. The Owners represent that they are the absolute owners of the Schedule Property and have freehold marketable, right, title and interest therein.

Apart from the above owners, if any person has any manner of claim, right, title, interest or demand of any nature in or over the Schedule Property or any part thereof, the same shall be filed with the undersigned with supporting documents, within **14 (fourteen) days** from the date of this Notice. Objections and or the claims received after expiry of the stipulated period will not be binding on our clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing **Municipal Nos.5 (PID No.50-15-5); 6 (PID No.50-15-6); 7 (PID No.50-15-7); 8 (PID No.50-15-8); 9 (PID No.50-15-9) and 10 (PID No.50-15-10) old Nos.422 & 423 later No.551,** together **measuring East to West 50ft and North to South 71ft,** with a passage, with an old building thereon, situated at Burugal Mutt Road North Cross, V V Puram, Bengaluru-560 004, within the administrative jurisdiction of **BBMP Ward No.143** and bounded as follows:

East by : Property of Anjaneyaswamy Temple,
West by : Property of Sri. H.S. Lingappa,
North by : Conservancy lane,
South by : 9ft Passage and gate & Property bearing Municipal Nos.2, 3 & 4

Sd/- **BAYYA REDDY .M**
For **ISHA LAW CHAMBERS LLP**
Advocates & Solicitors
No.101, 4th Floor, Sri Manjunatha Complex, 22nd Main Road,
BSK 2nd Stage, Opp: Banashankari BDA Complex, Bengaluru-560070

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WIMBLEDON QUIZ
1. Who is the youngest woman in the Open era to win a main draw singles match at Wimbledon?
2. X made her 66th consecutive main draw appearance at a Slam, the longest active streak, during this year's Wimbledon. Identify X.
3. Who became the first Arab woman to reach a Grand Slam final after beating Tatjana Maria in three sets in the 2022 Wimbledon semifinals?
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BUSINESS CONNECT — A Business Initiative

Bhima Jewellers, Bengaluru Diamond Campaign

As a brand known for its commitment to quality, elegance, and customer satisfaction, Bhima Jewellers has put together an occasion to celebrate the timeless beauty of Diamonds, Diamonds for Eternity. Bhima Jewellers has carefully curated a stunning selection of diamond jewellery which exudes exceptional craftsmanship with breathtaking designs. this campaign promises an extraordinary opportunity for customers to shop diamond jewellery while enjoying unbeatable offers. This extraordinary diamond season, shop more to save more, and make your dreams a reality. Discover the enchanting sophistication of diamonds and find the perfect one to match your shine. You can now shop for magnificent diamond jewellery from the Home of Purity at any of their stores.

C. Krishniah Chetty Crystal Museum Salon inauguration

The Crystal Museum Salon showcases an exquisite collection of rare crystals and jewellry, artefacts highlighting the craftsmanship and expertise of C. Krishniah Chetty. The museum allows research for those keen to learn through visual, electronic and audio facilities. The Crystal Museum Salon is an ode to the city of Bengaluru, adds an even deeper significance to the project. By establishing the brand back in 1869, Cotha Krishniah Chetty laid the foundation for a legacy that has endured for over a century and continues to thrive today. The inauguration event was celebrated with over 650 invitees over a discussion on the museum, history and lore with Manu S Pillai, writer, author of The Ivory Throne, Rebel Sultans, historian, story teller along with Dr Deepti Navaratna, the neuro scientist, author of The Maverick Maharaja with Dr C. Vinod Hayagriv, Chief Curator. Bengaluru, known for its rich cultural heritage, technological advancements, and entrepreneurial spirit, has been the home to many iconic personalities. The museum is a tribute to the city's identity over the years.

Royaloak Furniture's recent expansion and the launch of three new stores in Telangana

Royaloak Furniture, the leading furniture brand in India, strengthens its presence in the country with the launch of three new stores in Telangana. The stores were inaugurated amidst a grand celebration in the presence of Mr. Vijai Subramaniam, Chairman of Royaloak Furniture, Mr. Mathan Subramaniam, Managing Director, Mrs. Maheshwari Vijai, Director, Mr. H.S. Suresh, Head Retail, Mr. Pradyumna Karanam, State Head for Andhra Pradesh & Telangana, and Mr. Prashanth S Kotian, Head of Sales & Merchandising. Mr. Vijai Subramaniam, expressed his excitement and thrilled to introduce the latest stores, which reflect Royaloak's commitment to offering the best furniture at affordable prices to their customers. He also expressed that their dedicated team has worked tirelessly to ensure that these stores provide a truly exceptional shopping experience, featuring a wide selection of high-quality furniture that is both stylish and functional. The brand has been catering to the lifestyle needs of its 5-million-plus customer base. Currently, Royaloak has a strong foothold in over 116 locations across the country, including Hyderabad, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Ranchi, New Delhi, and Ahmedabad, with more than 200 experiential storefronts.

David de Gea's complicated United legacy

At his best, the Spanish goalkeeper saved his team's blushes – he often stepped up in the difficult post-Ferguson years. But with howlers creeping into his game and a weakness with the ball at his feet stifling the Manchester club's attempts to modernise its play, an exit became inevitable

DE GEA AT UNITED					
	545 matches (all competitions)	190 clean sheets (all competitions)	147 Premier League clean sheets	72% Premier League save rate	2 Premier League Golden Glove awards (2017-18, 2022-23)

Associated Press
Agence France-Presse

In the 12 seasons that David de Gea served as Manchester United's No. 1 between the sticks, the role of the goalkeeper – or at least the manner in which it is interpreted by elite teams coached by cutting-edge tacticians – appears to have evolved beyond him.

Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola, analysing Inter Milan ahead of the Champions League final last month, spoke of how his team's pressing scheme would have to change from the one used against United in the FA Cup.

"When you have a keeper, [Andre] Onana, it is difficult to make a high press properly because you cannot press a keeper like that," he said. "It's different [from] United, for instance." Notably, Onana's footwork and passing were repeatedly cited by Guardiola among Inter's key strengths.

At his best, De Gea was a match-winning shot-stopper with the agility and speed of reaction to pull off astounding saves. In recent years, however, he has looked like a player out of his time as football has demanded more from keepers, with City and Liverpool two standout examples of how the position has been transformed.

England's two most dominant teams of the past five years have been built on the ball-playing qualities of their keepers. Ederson, at City, and Alisson, at Liverpool, look as comfortable with the ball at their feet as they do with their hands. Their composure in possession and the precision of their passing add another dimension to their teams.

They are effectively an 11th outfield player at times and it can feel like their teams have an extra man in defence with their ability to step out of goal and double up as a sweeper when required. Their long-range passing can be a valuable weapon in attack, but it is more their prowess in building out from the back that is fundamental to the style played by Guardiola and Jurgen Klopp.

United has not had that option with De Gea in goal and increasingly there has been a sense that it has held the team back in attempts to modernise its play. While United has had some success with the Spaniard, its level has not come close to reaching the heights of City or Liverpool.

Under former managers Jose Mourinho and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, the demands on De Gea's footwork were not so intense. But Erik ten Hag wants his keeper to be involved in the play and United's evolution under the Dutch manager has felt stifled as a result of De Gea's limitations.

> Manchester will always be in my heart, Manchester has shaped me and will never leave me
>
> **DE GEA**

So it is not surprising that De Gea is leaving Manchester, even if the nature of his exit raised questions about whether it was handled well. The 32-year-old's deal – which made him the world's highest-paid keeper when he signed it in 2019 – expired on June 30 but at the time the club said it was still in discussions over an extension.

> It takes great quality and character to reach the level of even playing one game for Manchester United. To do it 545 times over 12 years is a special achievement, particularly in the goalkeeping position where every game puts you in the spotlight
>
> **ERIK TEN HAG,** United manager

That followed reports that De Gea had signed a contract extension only for the club to withdraw that offer and come back with reduced terms. Eventually, the goalkeeper announced his exit on social media, taking control of the messaging, with United playing catch-up.

The Spaniard's departure marks the end of an era – there are no players left at Old Trafford who have won the Premier League, with the last title success coming in Alex Ferguson's final season in charge (2012-13) – but it also deepens the bittersweet flavour of his time at United.

Signed by Ferguson from Atletico Madrid in 2011, De Gea came into a United side that had the quality to compete at the top end but was no longer dominant. An overwhelming majority of his 545 appearances came, however, in United's long post-Ferguson slump. In his 12 years with the Red Devils, he kept 190 clean sheets – the most shutouts in United's history – and won the FA Cup, two League Cups and the Europa League in addition to his solitary league title.

Crowned players' and fans' player of the year four times, De Gea's legacy at United is not one of a goalkeeper whose work paved the way for defining success but one of a custodian who, at his finest, saved his team's blushes, keeping it in matches it had no right to be in.

When he was on his game, he looked unbreachable – in one astonishing performance against Arsenal in late 2017, he made a joint-record 14 saves. While his ability to command his area and deal with high balls were always under scrutiny, he certainly improved in those aspects to deal with the more physical style of football in England.

Was he a great goalkeeper or a goalkeeper who made great saves? There were periods during his time in United when he truly was a great goalkeeper, at least in the traditional sense of the term; but even during his lowest moments, he retained the ability to summon a great save.

But two things combined to reduce the security of De Gea's United tenure.

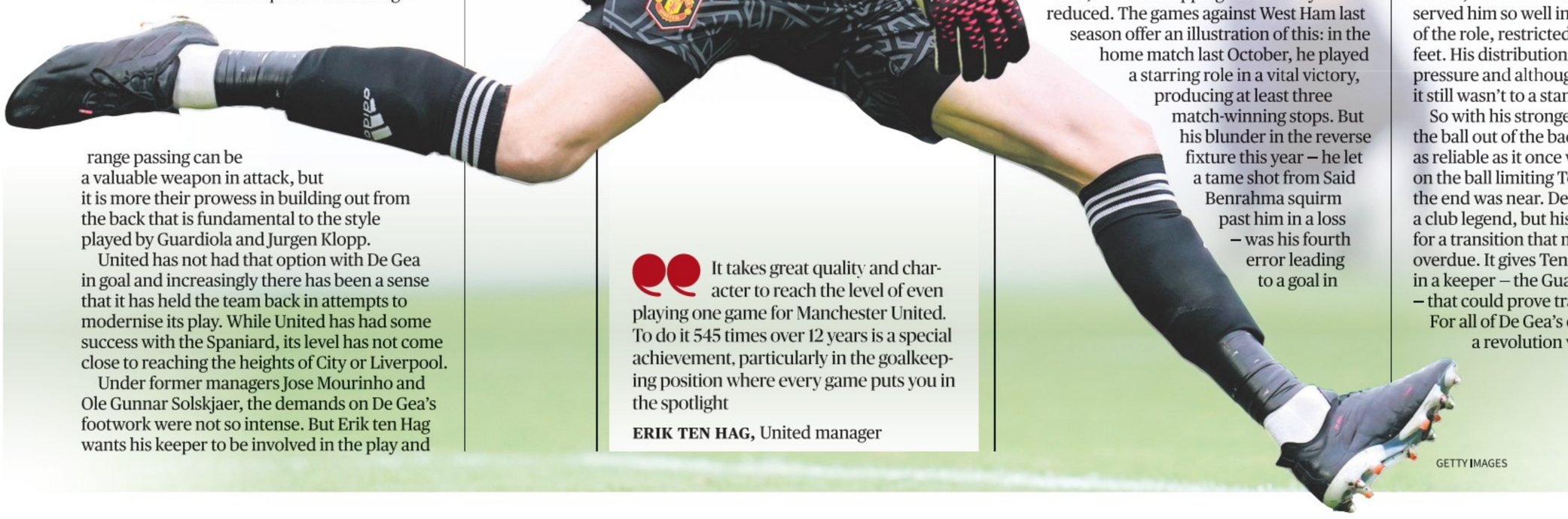
One, his shot-stopping consistency reduced. The games against West Ham last season offer an illustration of this: in the home match last October, he played a starring role in a vital victory, producing at least three match-winning stops. But his blunder in the reverse fixture this year – he let a tame shot from Said Benrahma squirm past him in a loss – was his fourth error leading to a goal in all competitions in 2022-23 at that point, the joint-most of any Premier League player.

Two, De Gea's risk-averse nature, which served him so well in the traditional aspect of the role, restricted him with the ball at his feet. His distribution put his teammates under pressure and although he noticeably got better, it still wasn't to a standard Ten Hag demanded.

So with his strongest suit – the ability to keep the ball out of the back of his net – no longer as reliable as it once was and his weakness on the ball limiting Ten Hag's preferred style, the end was near. De Gea leaves United as a club legend, but his exit also makes space for a transition that many fans feel is long overdue. It gives Ten Hag the chance to bring in a keeper – the Guardiola-approved Onana – that could prove transformational.

For all of De Gea's excellent qualities, sparking a revolution was beyond him.

> You deserved to say goodbye to the stadium with all the fans cheering you for all the beautiful memories. You made history at the club and your name will never be forgotten, and that no one can take away from you
>
> **BRUNO FERNANDES,** United midfielder



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GAME THEORY

Most successful women's champions at Wimbledon

With the 2023 ladies' singles final set to be played today, we take a look at the women who have won the most titles in Wimbledon history. The first women's event was played in 1884. It featured a 13-player draw with four knockout rounds. From 1886 to 1921, the event started with a knockout phase, the All Comers' Singles, whose winner then faced the defending champion in the challenge round. The winner of the challenge round was the Wimbledon champion. Since 1922, the competition has been a single-phase knockout event.

Serena Williams

Martina Navratilova

Helen Wills Moody

Player	Titles	Years
Martina Navratilova	9	1978, 1979, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1990
Helen Wills Moody	8	1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1932, 1933, 1935, 1938
Dorothea Lambert Chambers	7	1903, 1904, 1906, 1910, 1911, 1913, 1914
Steffi Graf	7	1988, 1989, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1996
Serena Williams	7	2002, 2003, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2015, 2016
Blanche Bingley	6	1886, 1889, 1894, 1897, 1899, 1900
Suzanne Lenglen	6	1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1925
Billie Jean King	6	1966, 1967, 1968, 1972, 1973, 1975
Charlotte Cooper Sterry	5	1895, 1896, 1898, 1901, 1908
Lottie Dod	5	1887, 1888, 1891, 1892, 1893
Venus Williams	5	2000, 2001, 2005, 2007, 2008
Louise Brough	4	1948, 1949, 1950, 1955
Maureen Connolly	3	1952, 1953, 1954
Maria Bueno	3	1959, 1960, 1964
Margaret Court	3	1963, 1965, 1970
Chris Evert	3	1974, 1976, 1981

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Wall of spray

Great Britain's Joel Poland slalom skis during the Lacanau Cup in Nouvelle-Aquitaine, France, earlier this month.

The Lacanau Cup is one of four stops on the World Water Skiers Overall World Tour, which aims to showcase elite water skiers in stunning locations around the globe. The other stops on the 2023 Tour are in Austria, Canada and the USA.

Water skiing involves athletes, pulled behind a boat or a cable-ski installation, attempting to skim the water surface on skis (or a single ski). Competitive water skiers need excellent core strength, muscular endurance and balance.

On the Overall World Tour, athletes compete in three disciplines: slalom, trick and jump. Each is judged and scored differently.

In slalom, skiers slash through the water around a multi-buoy course, raising walls of spray over 30 feet into the air and accelerate through the wake, experiencing G-forces not unlike race car drivers. Trick, the most technical of the categories, involves flips, spins and twists. Jump skiers hit a 6-foot ramp and fly over 200 feet in the air before landing on the water surface.

'Speeding is the leading cause of accidents on expressways'

Alok Kumar, ADGP, Traffic & Road Safety, has issued an order that enforcement should be correlational to the offences

Jahnavi T. R.
BENGALURU

On Tuesday, answering a question in the Legislative Assembly, Home Minister G. Parameshwar said that 100 people lost their lives in 84 fatal accidents which occurred on the Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway in the last four months. Similarly, in the first six months of this year, 45 fatal accidents occurred on the Kempegowda International Airport expressway, which has been a hotspot for accidents ever since its inauguration.

While 223 non-fatal accidents took place on the Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway, injuring over 300 people, 125 accidents occurred on the KIA Expressway. Another important elevated expressway in the city, which connects Silk Board junction to Electronics City, has seen a total of eight fatal accidents and 53 non-fatal accidents between January and July (up until July 12).

Why do so many accidents take place on expressways? The very purpose of expressways is to provide quicker access to motorists from point A to point B with no hurdles like traffic signals. However, the instinct to speed on these freeways is causing fatal accidents, experts opine. While engineering problems cannot be ignored, manual errors are said to be on a much larger scale when it comes to fatal accidents.

"Around 80% to 90% of accidents in Karnataka occur due to speeding of vehicles. That, and the lack of lane discipline are the major causes of accidents. On expressways too, speeding is the main problem. There are some engineering defects, and the National Highway Authority of India is expected to look into them, but we cannot wait. We have taken it up as a challenge to implement strong enforcement and creation of awareness to reduce fatalities as well as injuries on these corridors," said Alok Kumar, Additional Director General of Police, Traffic & Road Safety, Karnataka.

Mr. Kumar also said that he has issued an order to the respective traffic police officials that enforcement should be correlational to the offences which are being committed on the expressways. "If there are cases of speeding, then they would conduct a drive against it, and if there are more drunk driving cases, then a special drive would be conducted against it," he explained.

Joint Commissioner (Traffic), Bengaluru, M.N. Anucheth said there is a proposal from the Bengaluru Traffic Police to employ Intelligent Traffic Management System (ITMS) to be employed on both KIA as well as Electronics City expressways to detect seven types of violations including over speeding, driving without seat belt, riding without helmet and driving while talking on mobile phone.

He also said driver feedback boards would be put up on the expressways to let the drivers know that they are speeding, along with enforcement by the police officials. It should be noted that there has been some tussle between the police and NHAI officials when it comes to expressways. The BTP has often mentioned that many measures suggested by them to reduce accidents, especially on the KIA expressway, have not been implemented. In 2022, the BTP submitted a 200-page report to the NHAI about infrastructural changes and speed regulation required by the expressways in the city.

A senior official in the BTP said "The problem with any expressway is that it comes under NHAI, and they do not respond to our suggestions. Even something as simple as erecting lights does not happen from their side. It is much easier for us to coordinate with the Traffic Engineering Cell of the BBMP and get things done."

On the other hand, experts think that while there are a few engineering defects, lack of enforcement and poor road worthiness of vehicles are the main reasons for accidents on the expressway. "Most of these accidents are happening as vehicles lose control or tyres burst. There is a lack of mechanical sturdiness when it comes to vehicles in our country. The safety standards are also not high enough. Along with this, the police should be more stringent and robust when it comes to enforcement to avoid accidents and loss of lives," said Ashish Verma, convener, IISc Sustainable Transportation Lab

The Home Minister also mentioned in the Assembly that the department would discuss the issues with the NHAI.

Accidents on expressways in 2023

Expressway	Fatal accidents	Non-fatal accidents	Total accidents
Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway (March - June)	84	223	308
KIA Expressway	45	125	170
Electronics City Expressway	8	53	61

Total of 223 non-fatal accidents took place on the expressway, injuring over 300 people. FILE PHOTO

Buildings on 'B' khata sites in city have no approved plans

Shreyas H.S.
BENGALURU

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) in the Mahadevapura zone may have been ordered to display approved building plans at the construction sites. But in reality, several buildings being constructed on 'B' khata sites do not have approval as the civic body issues approvals only for 'A' khata sites. The constructions on the 'B' khata site are deemed illegal.

However, the BBMP has initiated action neither against under-construction structures nor unauthorised buildings on the pretext of converting 'B' khata to 'A' khata.

According to the data available with the BBMP, Mahadevapura zone has 1,81,249 'B' khata sites which is highest among the eight zones. The total number of 'B' khata sites in the city is pegged at 6,16,978. A survey conducted by the civic body in 2022 shows that 1.81 lakh buildings have come up on 'B' khata properties. According to a BBMP official, many buildings are still under-construction in 'B' khata sites in Mahadevapura. As BBMP is currently working on converting 'B' khata to 'A' khata, no action will be taken.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said the issues in connection to 'B' khata will be dealt with step by step, and now if the BBMP finds any violations on 'A' khata, action will be initiated. No building is allowed to deviate from the approved plan, he said, adding that the BBMP does not approve construction on 'B' khata and they are illegal. In Mahadevapura, so far, none of the builders or owners have displayed building plans despite the order being issued over 10 days ago.

Sandeep Anirudhan, Convener, Citizens' Agenda for Bengaluru said, "Is there a law mandating approval for construction of buildings? Then it needs to be applied to all.Without building plan approvals, no construction should be permitted. If any construction takes place within BBMP jurisdiction, without plan approval, the authorities need to demolish those," he added.

"The majority of constructions in Bengaluru seem to be unauthorised, and the few that build with plan approval also violate.. If laws are not enforced, then what is the need for authority? If BBMP cannot enforce its own bye laws, then a new policing authority needs to be created .The present state of lawlessness is destroying whatever remains of an already ruined Bengaluru. The layouts are all getting over bye-laws crowded and choked, amenities are crumbling, as it cannot handle the additional load posed by illegal buildings," Mr. Anirudhan said.

'Impose penalty and issue 'B' khata for sites in illegal layouts'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh on Friday informed the Legislative Assembly that a proposal had been submitted to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to issue 'B' khata to all sites located in illegal layouts in urban local bodies by imposing a one-time penalty

In his reply to K. Harish Gowda of the Congress, Mr. Suresh said the proposal was submitted to the Chief Minister on the issue of 'B' khata to sites in illegally developed layouts in urban local bodies across the State.

Land conversion

It was proposed to give 'A' khata for land conversion sites and 'B' khata for sites where conversion of land was not involved. The government was expected to get revenue of ₹2,000 crore by imposing an one-time penalty for the issue of khatas, he said.

Taxes not received

Though many facilities have been provided to residents in illegal layouts, the urban local bodies have not been receiving taxes, he said.

Speaker U.T. Khader said that many illegal layouts had come up owing to the presence of real estate agents in urban local bodies .

Man, son killed in accident

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A father and son were killed in an accident when a speeding truck rammed into their bike from behind on Hosur Road on Friday morning. The truck driver who caused the accident fled from the spot with the truck.

The deceased have been identified as Manjappa, 43 and his son Manoj, 17, residents of Sampige Nagar, Hebbugodi.

Attibele Police are now analysing CCTV footage from the neighbourhood and the toll gates ahead to identify the truck.

Timings
BENGALURU

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Bengaluru Tomorrow
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Auto union to launch chatbot to boost last mile connectivity

Srijana Siri Murthy
BENGALURU

To bridge first and last-mile connectivity between metro stations and homes, Autorickshaw Drivers Union (ADU) will soon launch MetroMitra, a WhatsApp-based chatbot and application to book autos. The initiative backed by Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) is also aimed at increasing ridership.

The union, which was instrumental behind the launch of Namma Yatri, will run the pilot of the chatbot and app operating on the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) from July 15, and plan to operationalise on August 15.

Commuters who take the auto are charged ₹10 in addition to the total meter fare. They will be able to avail of rides within a waiting duration of two to three minutes.

A sufficient number of autos will be deployed at the stations.This service is limited to small areas between metro stations and homes.

The users can only start booking on the app after August 15. During trial run booking can be done on WhatsApp.

This service will be initially available for commuters who book metro tickets via the Namma Bengaluru BMRCL WhatsApp Chat Bot. While deboarding, the commuters will receive an auto-generated message asking them if they wish to book an auto. By clicking on the 'yes' option, the commuters will be directed to the MetroMitra WhatsApp Chat Bot to take an auto ride. However, there is no auto pooling option.

The initiative to launch the MetroMitra WhatsApp chatbot by Auto Drivers Union is backed by Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited and is aimed at increasing ridership. SUDHAKARA JAIN

The BMRCL is likely to display QR codes at the stations for commuters to access the link to get into MetroMitra WhatsApp Chatbot. Once the chatbot sits in users' mobile phones, the commuters can directly hail autos from the same and there is no need for them to go through the metro bot.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Rudramurthy, chief secretary of ARDU, said, "The bot will have the same user interface as the BMRCL user interface. This will make the application more convenient to use."

While the ride fare is fixed based on the meter, the commuters will be required to pay ₹10 extra on the meter fare to cover technology and trip pickup charges.

Anjum Parvez, the Managing Director of BMRCL said, "We are pleased to collaborate with ARDU, and we offer them our full support in launching MetroMitra.We are also hoping that this initiative will increase ridership."

The autos enrolling with MetroMitra will have to display dedicated stickers to distinguish them from other service autos.They will have a QR code that will provide the details of the drivers and will enable commuters to offer feedback about the ride.

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> **RUDRAMURTHY**
> chief secretary of ARDU

Ramakrishna T.M., President of ARDU, added, "We will ensure that only uniform-clad, well-trained professional drivers with more than 15-20 years of experience will be deployed at the stations."

Through this initiative, the ARDU also plans to reduce the number of personal vehicles parked in metro stations. "With autorickshaws available at affordable fares, we want to slowly increase the ridership in public transport, auto rickshaws and reduce the use of two-wheelers and cars", said Mr. Ramakrishna.

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INBRIEF

KEA invites applications for medical, dental courses

Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) has invited online applications for medical and dental courses from the eligible candidates of UGNEET-2023 for the academic year of 2023-24 in the State. S.Ramya, Executive Director for KEA, stated in a press release on Friday, that students seeking admission to MBBS, BDS, Ayurveda, Unani and Homeopathy degree courses should submit applications. The KEA portal has enabled registration and candidates can apply online up to July 21. The fee has to be paid before 6 p.m. on July 22. According to the release, the candidates who have scored more than or equal to the prescribed minimum score in UGNEET-2023 only are eligible to register and apply online for UG Medical, Dental, Ayurveda, Unani and Homeopathy degree courses.

Applicants have been asked to read the information bulletin UGNEET-2023 and understand the eligibility conditions, classification of seats (different types of categories of seats) and eligibility to claim such seats which are hosted on the KEA Website (http://kea.kar.nic.in) before registering online for admission to medical and dental course.

Western Ghats lost 5% evergreen forest cover, shows analysis

Western Ghats Spatial Decision Support System launched by the IISc also shows that interior forest constitutes only 25% of the forest landmass, depicting the fragmentation pressure and impacting local ecology

K.C. Deepika
BENGALURU

The Western Ghats, which is among 36 global biodiversity hotspots, saw a loss of 5% evergreen forest cover with an increase of 4.5% built-up cover, and 9% agriculture area, according to the spatiotemporal analyses of land use, highlighting anthropogenic-induced developmental thrust. Fragmentation analyses also highlight that interior forest constitutes only 25% of the forest landmass, depicting the fragmentation pressure, impacting local ecology.

These revelations come from the Indian Institute of Science's Energy and Wetlands Research Group-launched Western Ghats Spatial Decision Support System, which has been designed as part of the ongoing ecological research in the Western Ghats.

This, researchers say, enhances governance transparency while meeting societal needs, which helps in prudent management of ecologically and hydrologically vital Sahyadri hill ranges. Web-based spatial decision support system is designed by integrating free and open source software standards to carry out a multiple criteria analysis. Features such as Web Map Service, and Web Feature Service would help in accomplishing effective dissemination of the ecological, socio, economic, biodiversity, and environmental information, said the researchers.

IISc.'s Energy and Wetlands Research Group launched the Western Ghats Spatial Decision Support System (WGSDSS), which has been designed as part of the ongoing ecological research in the Western Ghats. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Ecological sensitivity or fragility refers to permanent and irreparable loss of extant life forms or significant damage to the natural processes of evolution and speciation with the alterations in the ecological integrity of a region.

Grid-wise analysis portrays 32% of the area under ESR-1 (ecologically sensitive region) denoting very high ecological fragility, 16% (373) grids under ESR-2, which has potential to be ESR-1, 34% (789) and 18% (412) under ESR-3, and 4 respectively, with moderate and least ecological fragility. ESR analysis depicts 63,148 km² area under very higher ecological fragility, 27,646 km² under high ecological fragility, 48,490 km² as moderate and 20,716 km² as low ecological fragility.

Dr. T.V. Ramachandra from the Energy and Wetlands Research Group, Centre for Ecological Sciences, IISc said the comprehensive knowledge of the ecological fragility of a region is quintessential for evolving strategies for conserving the area, which entails identifying factors responsible for ecological sensitiveness, including landscape dynamics, and visualising future transitions to mitigate the problems of haphazard and uncontrolled development approaches.

"The region witnessed large-scale land cover changes during the past century due to unplanned developmental activities. This necessitates implementing mitigation measures involving stakeholders to address the impacts through location-specific conservation measures. Analyses of ecologically sensitive regions in the Western Ghats, highlight serious concerns on the status of forests and conservation options," he said, adding that the deforestation and mismanagement of these pristine ecosystems have been threatening water security with severe challenges to people's livelihood in peninsular India.

Anyone can use the system.

To access it, log on to https://wgbis.ces.iisc.ac.in/sdss/wgsdss/index.php

Illegal quarrying: Action to be taken based on spot report

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government on Friday informed the Legislative Assembly that the director of Mines and Geology Department would be asked to visit illegal quarrying areas in Yeshwantpur constituency in Bengaluru and submit a report to the Minister for necessary action.

In his reply to a question by S.T. Somashekar (BJP), Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda, on behalf of Minister for Mines and Geology and Horticulture S.S. Mallikarjun, said the director would be asked to visit the quarrying areas and submit a report to the Minister in a week. Based on the spot report, the government would take action.

Mr. Gowda said some private companies had been indulging in illegal quarrying in areas beyond those allotted for mining and they were not paying the royalty to the government. He mooted a proposal for the regularisation of illegal mining areas by imposing a one-time penalty.

Drones to monitor

Noting that illegal mining and quarrying was going on in several parts of the State for many years, Mr. Gowda said drones could be used for monitoring mining in different districts. Blasts at quarry sites have been creating a lot of disturbances for people living in nearby villages, the Minister said.

Ten complaints have been received during the last three years with regard to illegal quarrying in the constituency, he said.

The Minister said 10 contracts had been sanctioned for quarrying in 46.04 acres in Yeshwantpur constituency and 23 acres was under stone crushing.

KREDL declares its highest dividend ever worth ₹20.96 cr.

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Limited (KREDL) has declared its highest-ever dividend, amounting to ₹20.96 crore for the financial year 2021 - 22. On Friday, Managing Director KREDL. K. P. Rudrappaiah delivered the dividend cheque to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Energy Minister K.J. George.

KREDL, which is the nodal agency of the State government to identify, promote and develop renewable energy projects in Karnataka, also works to promote renewable energy in coordination with state and national-level agencies. While the company had reported a turnover of ₹88.49 crore with a net profit of ₹39.12 crore, it had declared a dividend amounting to ₹1 crore for 2020-21. In the following year, the turnover rose to ₹149.04 crore with a net profit of ₹69.69 crore, and the dividend value touched ₹20.96 crore.

Speaking about the increase in profits, Gaurav Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary, Energy department, said, "Like with any company, there has been a year-on-year growth even at KREDL. It is good to see the government company succeed." Providing further explanation as to why the dividend amount increased in FY 2021-22, Mr. Rudrappaiah cited the government order that the Financial Department passed. "The profit during FY 2021-22 was the highest ever compared to previous years. The company has declared a dividend at the rate of 30% on the profit after tax of ₹69.87 crore amounting to ₹20.96 crore for the FY, which ended on March 31, 2022. While previously we used to issue dividends only on the paid-up share capital, the department's order said even profit should be considered." In the FY 2020 - 21, KREDL declared a dividend of ₹20 per share on paid-up equity share capital of ₹50,00,300, amounting to a little over ₹1 crore.

Tree-fall

A huge tree fell on cars and two-wheelers at the Chandrika Hotel circle on Cunningham Road in Bengaluru on Friday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Nominations invited

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Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology (KSCST) has invited nominations for the State awards - Sir M. Visvesvaraya Lifetime achievement awards for senior scientists / Engineers, Dr. Raja Ramanna awards for Scientists / Engineers, Sir C.V. Raman awards for Scientists, Prof. Satish Dhawan awards for Engineers and Dr. Kalpana Chawla awards for Women Scientists. KSCST, in a release, said that the details can be obtained from www.kscst.org.in or www.kscst.karnataka-.gov.in.

Further, it said that nominations (hard copy) of the filled proforma along with necessary documents can be sent to the secretary, Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology, IISc. campus, by August 21.

Space enthusiasts watch Chandrayaan-3 launch at planetarium in city

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BENGALURU

Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium organised a live telecast of the launch of the Chandrayaan-3 on Friday.

B.R. Guruprasad, Science Communicator, briefed the gathering about various components in the LVM 3-M4 spacecraft and explained how it works. He said India would be the fourth country to land its spacecraft on the Moon's surface, after the United States, the Soviet Union and China. The rover is expected to land on the Moon on August 23. Many space enthusiasts around the city, including students, had gathered at the planetarium to watch the launch. "It was my first time watching the launch of a rocket, and the anticipation was nerve-wracking. Seeing the launch in real time was an amazing feeling, and it was a proud moment for all of us," said Ashish, a student at the planetarium.

The telecast of the launch of Chandrayaan-3 arranged at Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium in Bengaluru on Friday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

There was also an exhibition at the planetarium giving more information about the Moon mission. It also had a life-size structure of the propulsion module and the rover. Various exhibition elements were created with the help of pictures taken by Chandrayaan 1.

Political leaders congratulate ISRO

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Congratulating the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for the successful launch of the Chandrayaan-3 mission, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday said it was a proud moment for India and a new milestone in India's space research and innovation. "This achievement will inspire young minds of India to take up research in Science and Technology," he tweeted soon after the successful launch.

The former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy said all our dreams and expectations are towards Moon, and the 45-day historic Chandrayaan-3 has started successfully. "I am confident that the Chandrayaan-3 will be completely successful."

He said the contribution of Karnataka is there in every ISRO project in Karnataka, and the State's contribution is in Chandrayaan 3 too. The former Chief Minister congratulated the team of ISRO scientists who worked on Chandrayaan 3.

Another former Chief Minister, Basavaraj Bommai, congratulating the ISRO on the successful launch of Chandrayan, said the entire nation is buoyed by this splendid achievement that's a tribute to our age-old spirit of scientific exploration. "With this remarkable feat, India not only lifts its space capability into a higher orbit but also gets a major push to Atmanirbhar Bharath and Make in India, visions close to PM Modi.

Special trains between Danapur and Bengaluru

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BENGALURU

East Central Railway, to clear extra rush of passengers, will run superfast express special trains between Danapur in Patna and Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal in Bengaluru.

According to a release from South Western Railway, Train No. 03247 will depart from Danapur at 3 p.m. on every Thursday from July 20 till August 31, and reach Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal in Bengaluru at 1 p.m. on Saturday. In the return direction, Train No. 03248 will leave Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal, Bengaluru at 11.25 p.m. on every Saturday from July 22 till September 2 and reaches Danapur at 11.30 p.m. on respective Mondays.

Similarly, Train No. 03259 will leave Danapur at 3 p.m. on every Tuesday from July 18 till August 29 and arrive at SMVT Bengaluru at 1 p.m. on each Thursday.

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2. Manavalan, 3. Manamohan
4. K.Kalaivani, 5. K.Settu
6. M.Ramya, D/o Late.Mahendiran.
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3D printing: The future of construction industry

ARCHITECTURE

3D printing technology, which has the potential to revolutionise the construction industry, offers unprecedented design freedom, reduces material waste, and significantly cuts down construction time. It enables the creation of complex architectural forms that would be challenging to achieve with traditional methods, says Suhas Ramachandra

A 3D printed house at IIT Madras. TVASTA

A 3D printed bus stop at Godrej Constructions, Mumbai. TVASTA

The construction industry stands on the brink of a technological revolution, with 3D printing technology set to redefine traditional building methods. This innovative technology, also known as additive manufacturing, transforms how we design and construct our built environment, promising a future where architectural designs are only limited by the bounds of our imagination.

3D printing has the potential to revolutionise the construction industry. The process of 3D printing a building involves the use of computer-aided design (CAD) software to create a digital blueprint. This blueprint is then converted into a format the 3D printer can understand, typically a .STL or .OBJ file.

Layer by layer

Once the design is ready, the 3D printer begins the construction process. The printer deposits layers of material, such as concrete or a composite, in a controlled manner based on the instructions from the digital blueprint. It builds the structure layer by layer, following a pre-determined path, with each layer hardening or drying before the next one is added.

The benefits of 3D printing in construction are manifold. It offers unprecedented design freedom, reduces material waste, and significantly reduces construction time. This technology enables the creation of complex architectural forms that would be challenging to achieve with traditional methods. It also promotes sustainability by minimizing waste and can be more cost-effective.

Furthermore, 3D printing allows for the customisation and optimization of building components. Complex geometries can be easily created, enabling architects and engineers to explore innovative designs that were previously impractical or unfeasible. The layer-by-layer approach of 3D printing allows precise control over material distribution and structural integrity, resulting in highly efficient and robust structures.

Key steps

The process of 3D printing a building involves several key steps. First, the design phase begins with creating a digital model using specialized CAD software. This digital model serves as the blueprint for the 3D printer to follow. Once the design is finalized, it is converted into a format compatible with the specific 3D printing technology.

Next, the material selection process takes place. Concrete is commonly used in construction 3D printing due to its durability, affordability, and suitability for layer-by-layer deposition. However, advancements in the field have also explored using other materials, such as polymers, composites, and even recycled materials, offering a broader range of possibilities for construction projects.

With the digital model and material in place, the 3D printer can start printing. The printer's nozzle or extruder deposits the chosen material layer by layer, following the design specifications. The digital model guides the printer's movements, which provides precise instructions on where and how much material to deposit at each layer. The structure gradually takes shape as the layers stack on top of each other.

Printing process

It is essential to ensure proper curing or hardening of the printed layers during the printing process. Depending on the material used, this can be achieved through various techniques, such as chemical reactions, heat application, or exposure to ultraviolet light. These curing methods ensure the structural integrity and strength of the printed components.

Post-processing steps may be required after the printing process is complete. This can involve removing support structures, smoothing the surface finish, and adjusting any imperfections that may have occurred during printing. Additionally, traditional construction elements, such as windows, doors, and utilities, can be integrated into the 3D-printed structure during this phase. Post-processing ensures the final product meets the required standards of functionality and aesthetics.

3D printing and related aspects of construction technology were showcased at the "Concrete Panorama & Deminar - 2023", organized by the Indian Concrete Institute - Bengaluru Centre, on July 13 and 14 in Bengaluru. It provided valuable insights into this rapidly evolving field's latest trends, innovations, and best practices.

(The author is Hon. Secretary, Indian Concrete Institute-Bengaluru Centre, and Assistant Professor & Research Scholar, School of Civil Engineering, REVA University, Bengaluru.)

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BJP's downfall has begun from State: CM

The recent Assembly poll results are an indication of that; BJP had to bite the dust despite Narendra Modi's whirlwind election tours, he says

IN THE LEGISLATURE

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who came down on the BJP on Friday, said its downfall had begun and the Assembly poll results were an indication of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's waning popularity.

Replying to the debate on the motion of thanks to the Governor for his address, the Chief Minister said in the Legislative Council that Mr. Modi visited the State a record 28 times for campaigning during the Assembly elections. "However, the BJP lost miserably wherever the Prime Minister campaigned and this is proof of the decline of 'Modi magic.' Your party's downfall has begun from Karnataka," he said.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah speaking in the Legislative Council on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Asserting that Mr. Modi was the only Prime Minister to make such an extensive tour of Karnataka and other States during Assembly elections, Mr. Siddaramaiah said: "While all previous Prime Ministers concentrated on governance and administration, winning Assembly elections became more important for Mr. Modi. People are now aware of your intentions and that is why they have given us mandate. Your party's representation is zero in seven districts."

Recalling the statements of BJP leaders of establishing a Congress-free Karnataka, the Chief Minister said: "We will not say that we will make Karnataka free of BJP. But, we will definitely say that you should never again be in power in Karnataka. You should always remain in the Opposition. Otherwise, the State will not develop."

No LoP

Ridiculing the party for not choosing its leader yet in the Assembly, Mr. Siddaramaiah said: "Yours is an active Opposition party without a leader. You claim that the BJP is a disciplined party but it is unfortunate that you have not been able to appoint a leader. I did not know that BJP would be so politically bankrupt. I think you have decided to make JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy as the leader of the Opposition in the Assembly," he said.

Bedlam, walkout

The issue of the Centre not selling additional rice to Karnataka to implement the Anna Bhagya scheme triggered a war of words between the Congress and BJP members, resulting in pandemonium in the Council too.

Refuting the Chief Minister's allegation that the Centre had deliberately made the Food Corporation of India refuse rice to the State despite having stocks, the BJP members shouted slogans and walked out of the House.

There was chaos in the House for sometime and repeated attempts by Chairman Basavaraj Horatti to stop the BJP members from creating a ruckus failed. Later, Mr. Horatti expressed helplessness, saying it was a shame that members did not pay heed to the Chair.

The Chief Minister said BJP members had thrown all norms to the winds in the House out of frustration.

"They are not able to tolerate our popularity. They had assumed that we will not be able to implement our guarantees. But, we will implement the guarantees with prudent tax collection and mobilisation of resources," he said.

Reservation for women: CM turns the tables on BJP

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday turned the tables on BJP members in the Legislative Council when they tried to ridicule the Congress for not nominating women members to the House.

During his reply to the debate on the motion of thanks to the Governor's address, the Chief Minister said the free bus travel scheme had made all women happy.

Women in Council

Intervening, BJP members Bharati Shetty and Tejaswini Gowda said the Congress had not nominated any women members to the Council. "You should nominate at least three women MLCs from your party. When it comes to women's rights, we are all one, irrespective of political parties," Ms. Gowda said.

Reservation Bill

To this, the Chief Minister shot back saying: "Your government has been in power for the last 10 years. Get the women's reservation Bill passed in Parliament. Let them give 50% reservation for women, we will welcome it."

When the Opposition members questioned why the Congress had not done it, Mr. Siddaramaiah silenced them by saying: "OK, we admit that we have not done it. You do it now."

Rahul Gandhi to have breakfast meeting with Ministers

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi will be having a breakfast meeting with the Council of Ministers from Karnataka on July 19 to discuss preparation for the Lok Sabha elections.

Mr. Gandhi will be in Bengaluru as part of the meeting of the Opposition parties scheduled for July 17 and July 18.

Party sources said that with the Lok Sabha elections less than a year away, the Congress is focussing on a good performance from Karnataka. "In that light, he will speak to Ministers urging them to perform well over the next year to bring a good name to the government."

Sources said that besides the Lok Sabha election preparation, several issues are likely to come up for discussion, including appointment of OSDs, who had served with Ministers in the BJP government.

The meeting will be attended by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, Congress president M. Mallikarjun Kharge, and other senior party leaders, including K.C. Venugopal and Randeep Surjewala.

CLP meeting

Meanwhile, the Congress Legislature Party meeting has been convened on July 19 to sort out issues that the legislators had with Ministers during the previous CLP meeting.

Party sources said the meeting has been convened on the same day that Mr. Gandhi will be meeting the Council of Ministers in the morning. "In the last CLP meeting, legislators had expressed their anger over their work not being done by the Ministers. It is likely that the issue might come up again and could see some resolution." The legislators will be briefed about the meeting with Mr. Gandhi, sources said. The CLP will be chaired by Mr. Siddaramaiah, and Mr. Kharge, Mr. Shivakumar, and Leader of the House in the Legislative Council N.S. Boseraju, besides all the working president of the KPCC, will be present.

Number of taxpayers increases by 4.2 lakh under GST in State

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka government on Friday informed the Legislative Assembly that the number of taxpayers in the State had increased by 4.2 lakh – from 5.8 lakh during the VAT regime to 10 lakh currently under the GST regime.

The tax collection too had increased from ₹44,816 crore in 2017-18 to ₹81,848 crore in 2022-23 under the GST, Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs H.K. Patil said.

Explaining the benefits under the GST and amendments required for the Karnataka Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2023, Mr. Patil said ₹1,320 crore was collected in the form of penalty from various traders in the State during 2022-23. Close to 1,400 bogus dealers had been nabbed, he said.

The Legislative Assembly passed the Bill in order to overcome difficulties in the levy and collection of tax on intra-State supply of goods or services or both by the State government, Mr. Patil said.

Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs H.K. Patil.

Noting the features of the Bill, the former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said the removal of the restriction imposed on registered persons engaged in supplying goods through e-commerce operations from opting to pay tax under the Composition Levy was not good. He said the removal of the restriction would lead to the evasion of tax. How would the government keep vigilance on tax evaders, he asked.

Mr. Bommai said a huge amount of tax had been evaded in arecanut and scrap material business in the State and demanded the government to step up its vigilance.

Aravind Bellad and Araga Jnanendra (both BJP), K.M. Shivalinge Gowda (Congress), H.D. Revanna and A. Manju (JD-S) said many owners of stone crushing units had been evading tax to the State.

The Karnataka Legislature (Prevention of Disqualification) (Amendment) Bill, 2023, was passed in the Assembly. It was passed to create the office of the Legal Advisor to the Chief Minister and prevent the disqualification of members (MLA) appointed as the legal adviser or the government's representative in Delhi.

The Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurements (Amendment) Bill, 2023, was also passed in the Assembly. It was aimed to increase the amount of construction work undertaken by the persons belonging to SCs and STs from ₹50 lakh to ₹1 crore.

Mr. Jnanendra welcomed the intention of the Bill but said that many SC/ST contractors did not have the financial support or the necessary machinery to undertake contract works and they sub-contract works to other categories of contractors.

"In the name of SC/ST contractors, general category contractors are executing works at the filed level," the BJP member said.

300 acres will be given to Foxconn soon: M.B. Patil

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Legal hurdles related to providing 300 acres to iPhone maker Foxconn have been resolved and the land will be handed over to the company soon, Large and Medium Industries Minister M.B. Patil has said.

The Minister stated this in the Legislative Assembly while answering a question by BJP member Dheeraj Muniraju.

Investment

"A total of 300 acres will be given to the company in the ITIR spread over Devanahalli and Doddaballapur taluks. The company would invest around ₹8,500 crore to set up a manufacturing plant. The company can commence construction work soon after the handing over of the land," Mr. Patil said.

The company had planned to start production at the plant by April next.

The government is facilitating the commissioning of the project which would provide 50,000 jobs, he noted.

In the last three years, three major and medium industries have come up in Doddaballapur taluk. They had invested about ₹110 crore and generated nearly 1,450 jobs, the Minister added.

M.B. Patil, Large and Medium Industries Minister

'Registration for Gruha Lakshmi will begin soon'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Women and Child Welfare Minister Laxmi Hebbalkar dismissed allegations that women were unable to register for the Gruha Lakshmi scheme due to technical glitches in the server.

"We are yet to start receiving applications for the scheme and there is no question of server problems," she said.

She was responding to BJP member Hemalatha Nayak who said that women, especially in rural areas, were queuing up in distress to register for the scheme.

"They are not able to register as they are being told the server is down. When will you resolve this?" Ms. Nayak said.

DBT from August 17

To this, the Minister said a mobile application for registering under the scheme would be launched shortly and direct benefit transfer (DBT) for registered beneficiaries would begin from August 17.

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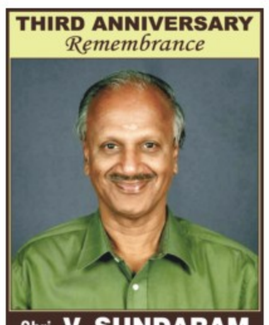

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e-TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two Stage Tender)
Manpower Agency for providing Personnel under RGRHCL

Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation (RGHCL), Housing Department, Government of Karnataka invites tenders from eligible bidders in two part bid system (Technical & Financial Bid) in e-Procurement Mode from "Man Power Agencies" for out sourcing the services for deployment in the RGHCL office. Details are available in the website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 14.07.2023.** Last date for submission for receipt of electronic bid is **28.07.2023.**

Sd/-
General Manager (PI)

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NOTIFICATION

Inviting applications online for Admission to MBBS, BDS, Ayurveda, Unani and Homeopathy Degree courses for the year 2023-24 in the State of Karnataka

1. Government in their letter No. HFW 124 RGU Bangalore, dated 28-06-2017, have directed KEA to conduct Common Counselling for admission to UG Medical and Dental courses for all Government, Private (Including Minority), NRI and Others seats in the State of Karnataka.
2. As per the directions of the Government, KEA is inviting applications online for admissions to Medical and Dental courses for the year 2023-24. The candidates who have scored more than or equal to the prescribed minimum score in UGNEET-2023 only are eligible to register and apply online for UG Medical and Dental and Ayurveda, Unani and Homeopathy degree courses for the year 2023-24.
3. Further, as per the letter dated 13-07-2023 of Karnataka AYUSH Department, the seat matrix for 85% of seats available for admission in Government and Government Aided Institutions (except 15% All India Quota) and in Private Institutions all seats (including State Quota, All India Quota and Management / NRI quota) available for UG courses in Private Ayurveda, Unani and Homeopathy Colleges of Karnataka state shall be allotted through KEA. UGNEET-2023 eligible candidates can also register online for Ayurveda, Unani and Homeopathy seats. However, non-Karnataka candidates are eligible only for the notified seats.
4. Non-Karnataka candidates will not be eligible for reservation. Hence, in the UGNEET-2023 examination, if they have scored the required minimum 50th percentile or above, fixed for 'GENERAL (UR)' category as per the qualifying criteria, then only they are eligible to register for admissions through KEA or for any other seats in the State of Karnataka. Please note that SC/ST/OBC eligibility criteria are applicable to Karnataka SC/ST/OBC candidates only.
5. Before registering through online for admission to Medical and Dental courses in the state of Karnataka, applicants are hereby informed to read the Information Bulletin UGNEET-2023 and understand the eligibility conditions, classification of seats (different types of category of seats) and eligibility to claim such seats which are hosted on the KEA Website **http://kea.kar.nic.in** for the information of the candidates.
6. Portal is enabled to register and apply online from 6.00 pm on 14.07.2023; interested candidates have to register & apply online before 11.59 pm on 21.07.2023. Fee has to be paid by the registered and applied candidate before 6.00 pm on 22.07.2023.
7. Registration fee, schedule for verification of documents, original documents to be produced for verification and other details will be hosted on the KEA Website. Interested eligible candidates can register and apply online and appear for document verification as per the schedule.

ENTRY OF UGNEET-2023 ROLL NUMBER BY KARNATAKA CANDIDATES WHO HAVE ALREADY VERIFIED THEIR DOCUMENTS

The candidates who have already registered for UGCET-2023 and completed the document verification, have to enter their correct UGNEET-2023 Roll Number in the online registration module enabled in KEA Web-portal by using their USER ID and Password already created for UGCET-2023 to become eligible for admission to Medical, Dental and AYUSH courses. After entry of UGNEET-2023 roll number, log-in and complete the application process by selecting the declaration. Then pay the required fees. Afterwards, take the print out and verify the NEET Roll number printed on the Application Form.

- Candidates, who have assigned ranks in CET-2023 and completed their document verification as per CET-2006 Admission Rules, and those who are not claiming any additional reservation need not appear for verification of documents once again for Medical / Dental / AYUSH courses. But they have to download the UGNEET-2023 Verification slip from KEA portal on the specified dates to become eligible for admission to Medical / Dental / AYUSH courses.
- However, if any such candidate is eligible to claim reservation as per Government of Karnataka norms or under Linguistic Minority / Religious Minority / NRI WARD or candidates eligible to claim seats under Category-2 to Category-8 in St. John Medical College, Bangalore, they have to claim such reservations in the online application form and they have to appear for document verification with all the relevant original certificates / documents.

INSTRUCTIONS TO NON-KARNATAKA CANDIDATES

Non-Karnataka candidates who have qualified in UGNEET 2023, they have to first register through online in KEA Web-portal, enter all the details, and pay the registration fee. Further they have to enter the 12th standard marks details and upload in PDF format in the same web portal. They need not appear for verification of documents. However, OCI / PIO / NRI / Foreign Nationals and if any non-Karnataka candidates eligible to claim NRI Ward, Religious Minority or eligible to claim under category-2 to category-8 in St. John Medical College, Bangalore, then they have to appear for verification of documents at KEA, Bangalore on the specified dates.

8. Centralised and Combined Counseling for the seats to be notified by the Karnataka State Government, in Government, COMED-K, KRLMPCA, AMPCK institutions, the admissions will be as per the Karnataka Selection of Candidates for Admission to Government Seats in Professional Educational Institutions Rules, 2006 (in short Rules) as amended from time to time and as per the guidelines of MCI / DCI / Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI / Government of India / Medical Education, Karnataka / Director Medical Education, Karnataka / Entrance Test Committee.
9. Mere qualifying in UG-NEET-2023 does not confer any right on the candidate unless the candidate fulfils eligibility conditions / submission of certificates / completes the document verification.
10. Further, only the candidates who complete the registration process including document verification are eligible for Medical / Dental / Ayurveda, Unani and Homeopathy seats in Government / Private Colleges in Karnataka.
11. Registered but not verified / Unregistered candidates will not be allowed for any admission either through KEA or by the College, as after the mop-up round, the list of registered and verified but un-allotted candidates will be sent by KEA to colleges to fill-up vacant seats, if any. (As per GOI instructions)
12. For more details regarding academic eligibility / updates please visit KEA Website **http://kea.kar.nic.in**
    NOTE: All the candidates who have qualified in NEET-UG 2023 are hereby advised to register and complete the document verification process to become eligible for admission to Medical / Dental / Ayurveda, Unani and Homeopathy Courses in the State of Karnataka.

Sd/-
(S. RAMYA IAS),
Executive Director.

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'Courts for POCSO cases must decide relief for victim'

Karnataka High Court enhances compensation to ₹10.5 lakh from ₹1 lakh awarded by a special court in Karwar

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Observing that some of the judges of special courts set up to deal with Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act cases are still not determining appropriate compensation payable to the child victim, the Karnataka High Court has said that the law imposes a clear obligation on special courts to determine proper compensation as per the victim compensation scheme (VCS).

Also, the High Court enhanced compensation to ₹10.5 lakh in favour of a minor and mentally challenged girl, who was a victim of rape, from the ₹1 lakh awarded by the special court in Karwar.

Justice Anil B. Katti passed the order while allowing an appeal filed by the mother of the child victim seeking enhancement of compensation in terms of the VCS framed under Section 357(A) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

"The duty of special courts is not only for the protection of children from sexual offences and convict the accused where the accused is found guilty, but also to grant compensation, in terms of Section 33(8) of POCSO Act and Rule 9 (3) (i) to (xii) of POCSO Rules, 2020 for any physical or mental trauma caused to the child or for immediate rehabilitation of such child...," the High Court observed.

As per the apex court guidelines, the High Court said, till the framing of compensation scheme, specifically for child victims in POCSO cases, the National Legal Services Authority's (NALSA) compensation scheme of 2018 should act as a guideline for special courts to award compensation to child victims of sexual abuse.

The High Court said that the grant of compensation under the POCSO Act was not based on the whims and fancies of the special courts, but it had to be determined on the basis of evidence on record, nature of injury suffered by the victim, the circumstance under which the offence was committed, the need of victim child for rehabilitation, medical treatment, and education.

Youngsters neglecting aged parents is a heinous act, says HC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

"Nowadays a section of youngsters is failing to look after the aged and ailing parents, and the number is swelling. This is not a happy development," the High Court of Karnataka has observed while rejecting a petition filed by two persons, who challenged a direction given to them by a tribunal to pay monthly maintenance to their 84-year-old mother.

"Law, religion and custom mandate sons to look after their parents, and more particularly aged mother. *Smrutikaras* say: *'rakshanti sthavire putra ...'* , nearly meaning that it is the duty of son to look after his mother who is in the evening of her life," the court said.

"...To neglect the parents, particularly in their old age, when they become weak and dependent and to cause anguish, is a heinous act for which there is no atonement available," the court while translating the meaning of a sloka from Brahmanda Purana.

Justice Krishna S. Dixit made these observations while rejecting a petition filed by Gopal, 50, and Mahesh, 40, both residents of Mysuru, questioning the order by the tribunal, constituted under the provisions of the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007.

The petitioners contended that they had no means to pay maintenance to their mother but they were willing to look after their mother and therefore, she should be asked to join their home, leaving the place of her daughters. The mother had claimed maintenance only at the instigation of her daughters, it was contended by the sons.

'Japan's trade collaboration with Karnataka on the rise'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

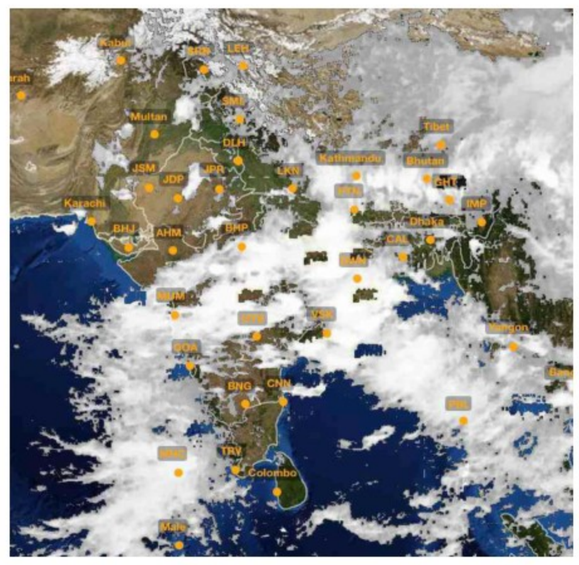
As of October 2022, some 228 Japanese firms have set up 537 offices across Karnataka and this number is only on the rise, indicating a steady increase in trade collaborations between Japan and Karnataka, said Tsutomu Nakane, Consul General of Japan in Bengaluru, on Friday.

"Japanese companies can expand their exports and reach to Middle East countries and Africa through India," he said.

Mr. Tsutomu was speaking at a summit, 'Make in India with Japan for the Globe', organised jointly by the Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce, PwC, and The Indo-Japan Business Council. The collaboration between companies in Karnataka and Japan could largely enhance the State's vision of one trillion-dollar economy by 2032, he said.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



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Forecast for Saturday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, West Bengal, Odisha, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa and coastal Karnataka

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	2	34.8	26.0	Kozhikode	0.4	31.2	23.4
Ahmedabad	—	35.0	27.4	Kurnool	—	35.7	25.7
Aizawl	3	32.4	21.4	Lucknow	—	33.6	25.4
Allahabad	—	36.4	29.8	Madurai	—	38.2	26.1
Bengaluru	25	27.5	20.1	Mangaluru	36.3	26.4	23.0
Bhopal	0.7	—	24.0	Mumbai	53	28.1	25.0
Bhubaneswar	8.9	34.8	25.7	Mysuru	—	31.8	21.7
Chandigarh	—	34.0	27.4	New Delhi	1.6	34.2	26.8
Chennai	7	35.1	25.5	Patna	35.7	34.4	26.7
Coimbatore	—	33.2	22.0	Port Blair	—	31.3	26.2
Dehradun	10	32.4	23.8	Puducherry	0.1	35.4	26.4
Gangtok	76	21.9	18.2	Pune	—	28.0	22.9
Goa	110	27.9	22.8	Raipur	—	34.0	26.6
Guwahati	—	34.8	26.2	Ranchi	—	33.8	25.0
Hubballi	—	26.0	23.0	Shillong	4	25.7	18.6
Hyderabad	—	33.5	24.4	Shimla	5	24.7	19.0
Imphal	3	28.7	21.9	Srinagar	—	31.5	20.7
Jaipur	—	34.0	26.8	Thiruvananthapuram	1	33.4	24.7
Kochi	6	30.8	24.2	Tiruchi	—	38.1	27.6
Kohima	—	23.4	18.6	Vijayawada	3	36.2	26.5
Kolkata	—	34.5	28.6	Visakhapatnam	—	34.4	27.4

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.36	..50	.26	77	...126	
Bengaluru	...7	..—	165	52	47	
Chennai	...4	139	.66	69	62	
Delhi	..—	4	106	42	45	
Hyderabad	...6	..45	.53	50	84	
Kolkata	.19	..14	.21	23	50	
Lucknow	...7	7	.62	39	47	
Mumbai	.32	..36	112	27	32	
Pune	131	225	109	44	39	
Visakhapatnam	.14	..51	.20	53	93	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Sri Ganganagar, Rajasthan recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 234 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Aizawl, Mizoram recorded a healthy AQI score of 13

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

In a setback to Senthilbalaji, Madras HC rules in favour of ED

Mohamed Imranullah S.
CHENNAI

Arrested Tamil Nadu Minister, V. Senthilbalaji, suffered a major setback in the Madras High Court on Friday, with Justice C.V. Karthikeyan, the third judge named by Chief Justice S.V. Gangapurwala following a split verdict by a Division Bench on July 4, holding that a *habeas corpus* petition filed by his wife Megala is not maintainable.

He also held that the Directorate of Enforcement (ED) can subject to custodial interrogation any person accused in a case booked under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, and the Minister can be taken into custody even after the expiry of 15 days from his arrest on June 14. After answering all three questions framed by him, on the points of differences between the two judges of the Division Bench, the third judge directed the HC Registry to list the matter again before the same Bench, with the consent of the Chief Justice, for a formal closure of the case by taking the majority view into consideration.

Though Additional Solicitor-General AR.L. Sundaresan, representing the ED, said there might not be any necessity to send the case back to the Division Bench, Justice Karthikeyan stressed that it would have to go not only for a formal closure but also for deciding the day from which the ED would be entitled to take the Minister into custody. He said that though Justice J. Nisha Banu had allowed the petition and declared the Minister's detention illegal, Justice D. Bharatha Chakravarthy had ruled otherwise and ordered that the Minister remain in a private hospital only for a maximum of 10 days from July 4 and he be taken for interrogation after being shifted to the prison hospital.

After aligning with the decision of Justice Chakravarthy on the questions of maintainability of the petition, the power of the ED to subject the accused to custodial interrogation as well as its right to interrogate even beyond 15 days of arrest, Justice Karthikeyan said the day from which such interrogation could begin would have to be decided only by the Division Bench.

THE COURT OF THE XCI ADDI, CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AND SPECIAL JUDGE FOR KPIDFE ACT AT BENGALURU

Misc No.242/2023

BETWEEN :

The Competent Authority,
for M/s. Ambidant Marketing Private Limited, 3rd Floor, Mini V.V.Tower, Podium Block, Dr.Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560001. Rep by its Competent Authority, Dr. Ashok D.R, Joint Secretary .... Petitioner
AND

M/s. Ambidant Marketing Private Limited, Regd Office: at No.9A, K.H.B. Main Road, Kanakanagara, R.T.Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560032. (Registered vide No. CIN U74999KA2016PT98612 by RoC, Koramangala, Bangalore) Represented by its Managing Director Syed Fareed Ahmed S/o. D.S.Jalaluddin, Aged 58 years, R/a No.374, Kushal Nagara, Opposite Hanifiya Masjid, Venkateshpuram, Bangalore-560045 & 1 another. ..... Respondents

Notice to Respondent No. 3

3) Deeksha Sri.K D/o Kemparaju, Aged Major, No.98, Opp Maramma Temple, Virupakshapura, Bangalore-560097.

Whereas, the petitioner has filed the above petition under section 5(2) of the KPIDFE Act 2004 against Respondent.

The Respondent No.3 is hereby issued show cause notice u/s 12 (1) of KPIDFE Act 2004, to appear in court of the XCI Addl City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-92) at Bengaluru, in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to above petition on **31.07.2023 at 11.00 Clock** in the forenoon.

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the date above mentioned petition will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this day **5th July 2023.**

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Sd/- Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/559/Zenkar/2023-24 **Sri Venkatesh P. Dalwai.,** Special Public Prosecutor

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Notice to Respondent No. 3

3) Sri Krishna L S/o Lingaiah S, Residing at, Kiragasuru, Malavalli, Belakavadi, B.G Pura Hobli, Mandya.

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Notice is hereby given to general public that (i) M/s. DRA Projects Private Limited(CIN: U70102KA2006PTC039826), having registered office at No. 201 A/202BA, Queens Corner No.3, Queens Road,Bangalore, Karnataka-560001 and (ii) M/s. Heera Granite Private Limited(CIN: U14101KA1990PTC011118) having registered office at No. 301, Westminster, 13, Cunningham Road, Bangalore,Karnataka-560 052(**Our Clients**) are the absolute owners of all that piece and parcel of lands 3.72 Acres or thereabouts comprising of the Survey Nos.(i) 64/2 measuring 1.70 Acres, (ii) 79/1 measuring 0.37 Acres, (iii) 81/2 measuring 0.90 Acres and (iv) 81/3 measuring 0.75 Acres, situated at Kundumaranapalli Village, Denkanikottai and Kelamangalam Taluk, Dharmapuri District and the movables available in the aforesaid lands(collectively referred to as **Schedule Property**) having acquired vide Sale Certificate dated 31.03.2008 read with the Rectification Certificate dated 05.02.2015, both issued by the Authorised Office, K.G. Road Branch,No.2, Prithvi Building, K.G.Road, Bangalore, Karnataka-560009.

Mr. KR Suresh Babu, Aged about 52 years Panshipuram post, Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri District illegally asserts rights to **the Schedule Property** based on documents obtained by fraud and is trying to interfere with the ownership of **Our Clients**to the **Scheduled Property**.

Our Clients' right, interest, possession and title to the **Schedule Property** had been recognised and upheld by the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Madras vide order dated 12.09.2008, made W.P.No.15623 of 2008 which was confirmedorder dated 20.07.2016 made in W.A. No. 1130 of 2008.

Our Clients have also filed W.P.No. 20411 of 2023 and other batch of writ petitionsalong with interim applications for interim injunction before the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Madras in which ad interim injunction was granted by the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Madras vide order dated 10.07.2023.

Any person dealing with the Subject Property from, through or under any person/s other than **Our Clients** shall be liable for prosecution both under civil and criminal prosecution and shall be at the own risk and peril of such persons. Any such dealing against the **Schedule Property** shall be neither binding on **Our Clients**nor the **Schedule Property**.

G.VIVEKANAND
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IN THE COURT OF THE XXVIII ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, MAYO HALL, BENGALURU (CCCH No. 29)

P & S.C. No.25020 of 2022

BETWEEN: HABEEB KANVI MAQBOOL, S/o Late K.M. Maqbool, aged about 46 years, R/at No. 56, 4th Cross, Seshadri Road, Marappa Garden, Benson Town, Bengaluru - 560 046. **... PETITIONER**

AND: 1. MUJEEB UR REHMAN, S/o Late K.M. Maqbool, aged about 51 years, R/at No. 56, 4th Cross, Seshadri Road, Marappa Garden, Benson Town, Bengaluru- 560 046. **2. LIKITH RAJ KANIVE,** S/o Late K.M. Maqbool, aged about 48 years, R/at No. Flat F2, N.N. Homes, Site No. 5, Behind D.S. Max Splendor Apartments, Kereguddadahalli, Chikkabanavara -560 090. ... **RESPONDENTS**

Court Notice
Service of Notice by Paper Publication under Order V Rule 20(1) of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908

RESPONDENT No. 1 and No. 2: SRI, MUJEEB UR REHMAN AND SRI. LIKITH RAJ KANIVE

WHEREAS, the Petitioner has filed the above suit for grant of succession certificate of deceased Late Mr. K.M. Maqbool in favour of the Petitioner.

The Hon'ble Court has issued emergent notice of suit through paper publication. You are hereby Summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court on **04-09-2023** at 11 a.m., in person or through a pleader, failing which the suit will be disposed off ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 14-07-2023.

By order of the Court, Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bengaluru.

Advocate for Plaintiff:
SREEVATSA ASSOCIATES
No.50, II Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client proposes to purchase the Schedule Property from Smt. Kamala Krishnappa, wife of Late. Krishnappa.K.V., and her children Sri.K.R.Kashyap and Sri.K.Ravindra, all are residing at No.C2-702, White House, 15th Cross, 6th Main, R.T.Nagar, Bengaluru-560 032.

Any person/s having any manner of claims/objections for the proposed purchase may lodge their claims/ objections with the undersigned, with documentary evidence within Fifteen (15) days from the date of this publication. Any claims/ objections received thereafter will not be binding on my client and my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property as if there are no claims/ objections.

SCHEDULE - PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Property bearing Old Site Nos.5 and 6, Old Municipal No.340, New No.10, formed in Assessment Nos.43/2 and 43/4, situated at 2nd Main Road, MES Road, Ward No.1, Jalahalli, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 58 Feet and North to South 40 Feet, in all measuring 2320 Sq.ft, having PID No.1-75-10, and bounded on the: **East by:** Property belonging to D.Venkanna, **West by:** Site No.7, **North by:** Property belonging to B.V.Subramanya and another, **South by:** Road.

Y.S.H.Reddy. Advocate
Anil Associates
No.206, 2nd Floor, Esteem Plaza, Upper Palace Orchards, Sadhashivanagar, Bangalore- 560 080. Mobile: 98863 78570.

The Andhra Pradesh Dairy Development Coop. Federation Ltd
APIIC TOWERS, IT PARK, MANGALAGIRI, GUNTUR. Email:mdap-ddcf@ap.gov.in

e- TENDER NOTICE ON e-PROCUREMENT PLATFORM

Tender No: AHF51-OPR/1/2023-ADMN-AHF51, Dt.15-07-2023

The Andhra Pradesh Dairy Development Co-op Federation Ltd., Mangalagiri, Guntur invites tenders forDesign, Supply, Unloading, Erection/ Installation, Commissioning, Testing, Inspection, Startup, Training to staff etc., of **5 KL Bulk Milk Cooling Units along with the 25 KVA DG Sets and other connected electrical works** at Mahila Dairy Sahakara Sanghalu in various Districts of Andhra Pradesh State. Interested parties may submit their bids on e-procurement platform @ **www.apeprocurement.gov.in** on or before **01-08-2023 by 5.00 PM.** The site will remain accessible to download the tender document **w.e.f., 15-07-2023 by 10:00 A.M.** For further details the interested parties may contact during Office hours to Assistant Dairy Engineer (Mech), Phone No: **0863-2381095, e-mail: sdeap.apddcf@gmail.com**

Sd/- MANAGING DIRECTOR

KARNATAKA GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT
Finance Department
Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru-560001.

No.: FD/02/BMB/2023 Date: 14-07-2023

PRESS COMMUNIQUE

It is notified for general information that the outstanding balance of **9.65% Karnataka SDL 2023** issued in terms of the Government of **Karnataka,** Finance Department Notification No. FD 02 BMB 2013 dated August 8, 2013 will be repaid at par on **August 14, 2023** with interest due up to and including **August 13, 2023.** In the event of a holiday being declared on the aforesaid date by any State Government under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, the loan will be repaid by the paying offices in that State on the previous working day. **No interest will accrue on the loan from and after August 14, 2023.**

2. As per sub-regulation 24 (2) and 24 (3) of Government Securities Regulations, 2007 payment of maturity proceeds to the registered holder of Government Security held in the form of Subsidiary General Ledger or Constituent Subsidiary General Ledger account or Stock Certificate shall be made by a pay order incorporating the relevant particulars of his bank account or by credit to the account of the holder in any bank having facility of receipt of funds through electronic means. For the purpose of making payment in respect of the securities, the original subscriber or the subsequent holders of such a Government Securities, as the case may be, shall submit to the Bank or Treasury and Sub- Treasury or branch of State Bank of India, where they are enfaced / registered for payment of interest, as the case may be, the relevant particulars of their bank account.

3. However, in the absence of relevant particulars of bank account/mandate for receipt of funds through electronic means, to facilitate repayment on the due date, holders of **9.65% Karnataka SDL 2023** should tender their securities at the Public Debt Office, 20 days in advance. The securities should be tendered for repayment, duly discharged on the reverse there of as under:

"Received the Principal due on the Certificate".

4. It should be particularly noted that at places where the treasury work is done by a branch of the State Bank of India, the securities, if they are in the form of Stock Certificates, should be tendered at the branch of the bank concerned and not at the Treasury or Sub-Treasury.

5. Holders who wish to receive payment at places other than those where the securities have been enfaced for payment should send them duly discharged to the Public Debt Office concerned by Registered and Insured Post. The Public Debt Office will make payment by issuing a draft payable at any Treasury/Sub- Treasury or branch of State Bank of India conducting Government Treasury work in the State of Karnataka.

Sd/-
Secretary to Government,
(Budget & Resources) Finance Department.

DIPR/CP/RO545/AAPL/2023-24

IN THE COURT OF THE XXVIII ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BENGALURU (CCCH No. 74)

Paper publication for issuance of public notice with respect to the matter.

P &S.C. No. 25020/2023

BETWEEN: SMT. JAYALAKSHMI, W/o Late Govinda Rajan, D/o Late Sri Saila Thatachariar, Sister of T. Rama Desikan, aged about 91 years, **SHRI. K. SRINIVASAN,** S/o Late Krishnamurthy and late Lakshmi, Grandson of late Sri Saila Thatachariar, Nephew of late T. Rama Desikan, aged about 73 years, **Both R/at:** No.15/2/46, City Elegant flats, Lakshmipuram, Vadapalani, Chennai - 600026.

Herein represented by their Duly constituted attorney: aged about 33 years, R/a No. 29/9. 5th street, Bharath Eshwarar colony, Kodambakkam S.o. Chennai, Tamil Nadu: 600 024. **... PETITIONERS**

-V/s-

Nil ... RESPONDENT

COURT NOTICE
Service of Notice by paper publication under Order V Rule 20 (1) of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908

WHEREAS, the Petitioners has filed the above Probate and Succession Certificate suit seeking the relief of grant of Succession Certificate in respect of the securities detailed in the schedule of this petition in the name of 2nd Petitioner herein (K. Srinivasan) to have effect throughout territory of India in respect of Plaint Schedule Properties. The Hon'ble Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge Court (CCCH No. 74) at Bengaluru vide order dated 29.03.2023 allowed IA. No I and in view of the facts and circumstances of the above case the Petitioners are hereby granted leave to take out Paper publication for the issuance of public notice with respect to the present matter, and the Petitioners are hereby directed to issue paper publication of the institution of this suit in the interest of justice and equity. Hence we are complying with the Directions of the Hon'ble court by issuing paper publication for the issuance of public notice with respect to the present matter.

PLAINT SCHEDULE PROPERTY

1. Savings Bank Account bearing A/C No, 0415 10100 9815, 0415 1010 10117 with Canara Bank, Jeevan Bheema Nagar Branch and at V.V Puram Branch, Bangalore with total amount of Rs. 12,15,000/-.
2. Bank A/C I.D. No. 1366101008966 with Union Bank of India (Erstwhile Andhra Bank) with CMH road, Bengaluru with Total Amount of Rs. 43,53,000/- including savings Bank Account and fixed deposit.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 12-07-2023.

By order of the Court, Deputy Registrar, City Civil & Sessions Court, Mayo Hall, Bangalore.

Advocate for Plaintiff:
SREEVATSA ASSOCIATES
No.50, II Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore.

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Roiling resurgence

The recent gains in taming inflation may start to unravel

The latest Consumer Price Index data showing a resurgence in retail inflation proves exactly why the RBI's monetary authorities have reiterated the need to keep the policy approach firmly tilted towards ensuring price stability. With food prices becoming unmoored and spiralling up, June's CPI-based provisional inflation reading accelerated by half a percentage point to a three-month high of 4.81%. Inflation in the food and beverages group, the single-largest constituent of the CPI that contributes almost 46% of its weight, led the resurgence, quickening by 128 basis points from May's level to 4.63%. The food price inflation was broad-based with 10 of the 12 sub-groups witnessing year-on-year increases: cereals registered 12.7% price gains, eggs logged 7%, dairy experienced 8.56% inflation, pulses posted 10.5% and spices saw gains exceed 19%. Vegetables, with a 6% weight in the CPI and the third-largest of the food basket's dozen items, though still in the disinflation zone at minus 0.93%, saw prices harden so drastically in June that the disinflation narrowed by more than 700 basis points. Month-on-month, vegetable price inflation soared to 12.7%, the highest sequential rate of price gains in the essential food group since October 2021. Tomatoes were the main culprit with prices skyrocketing by 64% from May's levels. With the exception of three vegetables, including lady's finger and lemon, in the 19-member basket, all the others including the most widely used potatoes and onions registered sharp sequential inflation.

That the year-on-year quickening in price gains happened notwithstanding a high base – June 2022 saw inflation at 7.01% – is also a clear sign that price pressures are regaining a disconcerting momentum. Core inflation, which excludes the food and fuel and light groups, still remained stuck at 5.16%, barely moving from May's 5.17% pace. Of the non-food items, clothing and footwear, as well as health and personal care saw price gains that exceeded 6% in June. Education prices too continued to keep rising steadily. In the backdrop of monsoon rains showing an erratic trend, the outlook for the *kharif* crop output will depend heavily on sowing shortfalls being bridged in the rest of July. As on July 7, while overall *kharif* sowing was 8.7% lower than a year earlier, the essential staples of rice and pulses showed 24% and 26% shortfalls, respectively. And with oilseeds too reflecting a 14% deficiency compared with 2022 levels, there is a real risk that all the recent hard-won gains in anchoring inflation expectations may start to unravel in the coming months. Policymakers must tighten their grip over prices to prevent the broader economic recovery from floundering.

Problematic

EU Parliament resolution misdiagnoses the Manipur issue

In an interconnected world, a government that seeks greater economic integration and promotes itself as the representative of a nation committed to democratic, liberal and plural values and the rule of law, cannot dismiss scrutiny by like-minded nations with which beneficial ties are sought. India's dismissal of the EU Parliament's resolution on the violence in Manipur as reflecting a colonial mindset and tantamount to interference in internal affairs, was therefore predictably petulant and in line with similar reactions to scrutiny by lawmakers in the United States, for instance. Just as Indian politicians have the right to express their concerns with issues such as attacks on Hindu temples in Australia or racial prejudice in the U.S. or anti-immigrant violence and government response in Europe, their counterparts in the EU Parliament are well within the realms of propriety in questioning actions in Manipur. That the embers of the violence there that peaked in early May resulting in 142 deaths and thousands being displaced, have not been extinguished and distrust and hostility between the Meitei and the Kuki-Zo communities persist, have allowed for this international scrutiny.

Yet, the EU Parliament resolution and the legislators' framing of the problem in Manipur include an erroneous understanding of the conflict having a religious basis and a pitting of Hindus versus Christians. Churches and temples having been vandalised in the conflagration between the Hindu-majority Meitei community and the Christian denominated Kuki-Zo community has given way to this understanding. But this ignores the fact that the spark for the spike in violence was an erroneous order – which was called out as being so by the Chief Justice of India – passed by a single judge Bench in the Manipur High Court to include Meiteis in the list of Scheduled Tribes in the State. The Naga community, also predominantly Christian by denomination, and its representatives were also aggrieved by the decision but the ethnic violence has been limited to actions by militants belonging to the Kuki-Zo and the Meitei communities and exacerbated by an ethnic polarisation that reconciliatory efforts by civil society have still to undo. Festering distrust due to socio-economic variances in the "hill" and "valley" areas, and the inability of the BJP government led by Chief Minister N. Biren Singh to be seen as being above the ethnic fray have been responsible for this crisis. The EU resolution misconstrues this situation as being driven by religious discord. Such a wrong diagnosis would lead to the creation of new fissures at a time when reconciliation and accountability are required to break the stasis that has persisted in the last two months.

Deciphering Maharashtra's defections, its politics

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The issue of political defections typically takes centre-stage at a particular moment in the life of a polity. This is the intervening period of transition when an old system of political dominance gives way to a new one.

In Maharashtra, the era of Congress dominance, which had weakened by the 1990s, sputtered to an end in 2014. Yet, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has not been quite able to take over the reins from the Congress-Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) combine, given the attitude of the local elites in regions such as western Maharashtra, leading to a chaotic decade of attrition. Whether the dramatic switch of the Ajit Pawar NCP faction to the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) signals the birth pangs of a new era of the BJP's dominance, or is merely a contingent truce, remains to be seen.

A State-level focus

The BJP's singular majority at the national level since 2014 has whetted its desire for State-level dominance in a number of States. The success of these various State campaigns has been predicated to a large extent on an array of mass defections from erstwhile ruling and/or primary Opposition parties. The volatile politics of the northeastern States, dependent on central aid, fell to this trend the earliest.

The BJP became the ruling party in Assam in 2016 following key defections from the Asom Gana Parishad and the ruling Congress. This was the model of rapid party expansion, built on defections of leaders particularly from dominant caste/classes, which was later used in Tripura and the wider northeast. In Arunachal Pradesh, in 2016, almost the entire State unit of the Congress – 44 out of 45 MLAs, including the Chief Minister, Pema Khandu – defected overnight to an NDA ally, and shortly thereafter to the BJP.

Thus, the split of the NCP in Maharashtra now is better understood in the context of national politics. Such a move enables us to move beyond the immediate plane of contingent factors such as leadership successions and the coercive meddling of central agencies. It will also help explain the split of the NCP and the Shiv Sena (within a dizzying year) in terms of the evolving structural dynamics of Maharashtra politics.

The national context is particularly important because the politics of Maharashtra, like the politics of Assam, deeply intersects with the slow-moving terrain of national politics. This has provided the State with its characteristic political stability, underwritten by the hegemony of the dominant farming caste of the Maratha-Kunbis, and bolstered with the support of a largely sympathetic Centre. Political scientist Suhas Palshikar has suggested that the traditional "Congress system", the model of informal accommodation of diverse constituencies within the party, has survived perhaps the longest in Maharashtra.

Until 2014, the Congress party (or a breakaway Congress faction) ruled the State for almost the entire post-Independence period. The State remained largely unaffected by the ideological challenge of the Mandal revolution which reshaped the political structure of northern India. The only significant exception was the three-year period between 1995-1998 when the NDA alliance (the Shiv Sena and the BJP) took control of the State. This short-lived, abortive transition in State politics also coincided, unsurprisingly, with a hazy period of national transition marked by the NDA coalition's ascent to power at the national level.

> The evolving structural dynamics of the State's politics is better understood in the context of national politics

Maharashtra's political economy as factor

The reason why national and State politics move in lock step in Maharashtra has much to do with its political economy. The State has not evolved a regional business elite like in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh or Gujarat. Instead, the commanding heights of the economy are still controlled by a pan-India business elite.

Journalist Harish Damodaran, in his book, *India's New Capitalists: Caste, Business, and Industry in a Modern Nation* (2008), drew a distinction between the Patels and Marathas, the dominant agrarian castes in Gujarat and Maharashtra, respectively, in terms of the trajectory of their upward mobility. While the Patels have moved over the last three decades from agricultural co-operatives to modern urban sectors such as finance and petrochemicals, the Marathas have lagged behind. Therefore, the NCP and the Shiv Sena have disavowed a pronounced regionalist agenda. Instead, regional parties attempt to co-opt the national business elite, and hanker after a share of power at the national level in order to predictably divert State resources as patronage into rural co-operatives and allied sectors.

Therefore, Ajit Pawar, in the (as yet one-sided) battle with his uncle Sharad Pawar for control of the NCP, has age on his side as well as political history. One can see in junior Pawar's coup a reprise of 1978, or 1999, when Sharad Pawar formed a breakaway Congress during the Congress's spell in the political wilderness at the national level. More precisely, Ajit Pawar's decision to join forces with a Narendra Modi-led BJP echoes Sharad Pawar's move to merge his Congress(S) into the Rajiv Gandhi-led Congress(I) in 1986. Much like the NCP, the Congress(S) made this calculated manoeuvre despite being the largest Opposition party in the State. Also, in both cases, the crafty Pawars hitched their political future to the principal ruling party which also commanded a formidable majority at the central level. In fact, it was this voluntary vacation of the oppositional space that allowed the Shiv Sena to expand in rural Maharashtra, channelling discontent against an entrenched establishment. Bal Thackeray's Shiv Sena surged from a single seat in the 1980s to 52 seats in 1990, emerging as the principal Opposition party.

The sociological base of the NCP, much like the Congress(S) at the time, functions as a powerful constraint on the party. In 1977, scholar Donald Rosenthal wrote of the "expansive elite" of Marathas in western Maharashtra, drawing political control from a colonisation of State policies in the areas of agricultural investment, education and rural self-government. The NCP's political support still remains rooted to this rural economic base, consolidating the Maratha elites into political networks and then linking them to a mass voter-base, even as the urban economic landscape has transformed over the last five decades. The sugar cooperatives of Maharashtra, as Damodaran wrote, are 'self-governing republics headed by powerful chieftains' who follow dynastic lineages to durably embed themselves in local politics. This is a decentralised confederacy, not a command-and-control structure.

Organisational strengths

The informal organisational base of the NCP constitutes a major reason why the party has melted away into the NDA camp, while the Shiv Sena, in comparison, has proved more resilient. Political scientists Chhibber *et al.* (2014) had coded the organisational strength of various parties into three blocks: weakly organised; moderately organised and strongly organised parties. The relevant parameters are formal organisational structures governing channels upward mobility, linkages to an activist base, and political mobilisation between elections, among others. In their calculations, the Shiv Sena had moved from a party that was a strongly organised party to one that was a moderately organised party during its life cycle. In contrast, the NCP (in 1999 and 2004) has been coded as a weakly organised party.

The Shiv Sena of Uddhav Thackeray has retained to a large extent its organisational base in large urban areas such as Mumbai, Nashik and Pune. The party has a hierarchical system of control linking affiliated bodies of urban workers and a large activist base dotting numerous party *shakhas*, to the charismatic personality of the supreme leader. The Thackerays not only closely control appointments and decision-making but also evoke a populist-emotional appeal among the base of the party. Consider the limited number of municipal corporators that have shifted to the Eknath Shinde Sena, over the last year, and the mass defections of NCP corporators to the Ajit Pawar camp.

As political scientist Herbert Kitschelt, among others, have written, political parties are but a collection of numerous power-seekers, kept together with an array of incentives. Local elites across Maharashtra have been facing the daunting task of rethinking and recalibrating these incentives. Of course, the Thackeray Sena has also been weakened in rural areas from the defections of several local party bosses last year. Yet, it is Sharad Pawar's ideologically non-descript NCP, whose politics remained confined to the adroit management of political networks, which is facing the more serious existential crisis.

Virtual summit, virtual silence

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At a media briefing on July 4, India's Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra vehemently asserted that the fact that the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit was held virtually "in no way signifies, hints, insinuates the dilution in the objectives that we are trying to seek of the SCO Summit". He did not disclose, however, any reason for not holding the summit physically or in hybrid mode. To emphasise India's commitment to the SCO, Mr. Kwatra dwelt on the political, economic and cultural initiatives the country had taken and the 134 meetings and events which it had convened during its SCO presidency. What Mr. Kwatra overlooked was the legitimate point –it is precisely because India had invested so much effort in the SCO that the summit should have been held physically or in a hybrid manner. That would have imparted it greater salience.

Mr. Kwatra's failure to give even one credible reason for having a virtual summit indicates that India is moving away from the approaches which led it to become an SCO full member in 2017. At that stage Prime Minister Narendra Modi still held the belief that he could reach a modus vivendi with Chinese President Xi Jinping on the contentious issues which plague the India-China relationship. Hence, despite the SCO's origins and the influence exercised by China over it, he enthusiastically went ahead with India's full membership.

China's acts as reason

China's actions towards India in 2020 and the evolving international order have obviously compelled a re-appraisal of Indian interests in the SCO. This is evident from the point of not only holding a virtual summit but also Mr. Modi's combative assertiveness on issues of concern to India (terrorism and connectivity) on which it rightly has fundamental differences with China and Pakistan. On terrorism Mr. Modi said, "Some countries use cross border terrorism as an instrument of their policies, provide shelter to terrorists. SCO should not hesitate to criticise such nations. There should be no double standards on such serious matters." While neither Pakistan nor China will change course on terrorism, the issue resonates in the Central Asian Republics that continue to have deep concerns of terrorist groups using Afghanistan.

> India's lack of a credible explanation in hosting a virtual Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit indicates New Delhi's diplomatic drift as far as the SCO is concerned

On connectivity, though, which is a core issue for the SCO, India's isolation in the organisation is apparent. Mr. Modi reiterated India's position that connectivity projects should respect national sovereignty. His target was China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and its flagship China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) which violates Indian sovereignty. Significantly, though, Mr. Xi announced, in his address at the summit, that on BRI's 10th anniversary, "China will hold the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation". For him, the BRI is the "path of happiness benefiting the whole world".

The BRI and the Eurasian game

The BRI's negative consequences have not inhibited the enthusiasm of SCO members for it. India, therefore, needs to be alive to the danger of China integrating Eurasia and shutting it out of the region with Pakistan's active support. This is not to suggest that India should endorse the BRI, which is an instrument of Chinese expansionism, but it has to find ways to maintain close ties with Eurasia. Certainly, the promotion of Buddhist heritage, however laudable the endeavour, will not help in drawing SCO members towards India and prevent their growing links with China. Besides, the Chabahar project (Iran) has not moved ahead as it needs to. India has to devote far greater resources and energy to develop connectivity through Iran though it is not easy to deal with it. Active air corridors with the Central Asian Republics and a pragmatic policy towards Afghanistan (that does not mean the diplomatic recognition of the Taliban) are also essential to remain, howsoever tenuously, in the Eurasian game.

A silence on the Ukraine war

Expectedly, the SCO Declaration was silent on the Ukraine war. India, Pakistan or China also did not refer to it in their summit statements. Russian President Vladimir Putin mentioned Ukraine and castigated the West. It is also noteworthy that he thanked SCO countries for "supporting the Russian leadership in defending constitutional order" in the wake of "armed rebellion". Mr. Xi, who has been Mr. Putin's supporter during the entire period of the Ukraine war, made no reference of support for Russia in his summit statement.

The virtual summit ensured that Mr. Modi did not have to meet any of the leaders, including Pakistan's Shehbaz Sharif, personally. That avoided ripples of the kind the SCO Foreign Ministers meeting generated in Goa, in May 2023. The price though paid in avoiding controversies and embarrassment including what would have been caused by the optics of Mr. Putin in India was in the demonstration of where India currently stands in Eurasia and its western neighbourhood.

Many eyes will now be on the BRICS summit in South Africa in August where Mr. Xi and perhaps Mr. Putin will be present. Will Mr. Modi go to South Africa or prefer to avoid any chance of muddying the waters before his great moment in the diplomatic sun – the G-20 summit in Delhi in September?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Chandrayaan-3 mission

I was glued to my television set as the Indian Space Research Organisation launched the Chandrayaan-3 mission. It was a moment of pride and excitement to watch the craft make its way to the moon. The mission will strengthen our position as a major space power and it is certain that India is on the cusp of great things in the field of space exploration. The mission is also a reminder of the potential of human ingenuity.

Meghraj Gole,
Pune

EU Parliament resolution

The European Parliament's questions and observations on the situation in Manipur come barely weeks after former U.S. President Barack Obama's comments on how India is treating its minorities. The comments are a stark reminder that the ruling dispensation cannot act with a majoritarian approach and pat itself on the back for being the world's largest democracy. The silence on Manipur almost borders on nonchalance.

Avinash Godboley,
Dewas, Madhya Pradesh

The government's retort is that this is "unacceptable". But let us accept the resolution for what it is for the sake of argument. So, how is the government dealing with this so-called internal matter? Did the top political leadership visit the State to appeal for peace and order? The appeal of the European Parliament is sensible and India needs to take up remedial measures instead of making assertions. Having the *sengol* installed in Parliament becomes meaningless in the face of inaction.

Matthew Adukanil,
Tirupattur, Tamil Nadu

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The grieving family members of Liaqat Sheikh, who was killed on the day of polling at Gangadhari village in Nowda block of Murshidabad district, West Bengal. DEBASISH BHADURI

Bombs and ballot boxes

The month-long panchayat poll-related violence in West Bengal claimed 40 lives and left hundreds injured. **Shiv Sahay Singh** reports on how political opponents were threatened and murdered in a mismanaged and lawless election, which the Trinamool Congress won

Liaqat Sheikh followed a simple morning routine. Every day, he would wake up early and walk to the tea shop located just 20 metres from his house at Gangadhari village in Nowda block of Murshidabad district, West Bengal. On the morning of July 8, Liaqat, 62, sat on a bench at the shop in peace, sipping his milky tea from an earthen cup.

Suddenly, a group of men appeared, their faces covered. They threw a series of crude bombs on the road. People screamed and ran helter-skelter. As Liaqat rushed towards his house, a crude bomb came hurtling towards him. Once the smoke dissipated, Ainul Sheikh ran to check on his older brother. Liaqat Sheikh was dead. It was 6.43 a.m., exactly 17 minutes before polling began for the West Bengal panchayat elections.

From June 8, when the notification for the panchayat polls was issued, to the night of July 8, when polling ended, 40 people were killed in the State in poll-related violence.

There had been apprehensions about this, especially since killings had marred the 2021 Assembly elections in the State. Yet, the West Bengal State Election Commission (WBSEC) decided to hold elections in 61,636 polling booths on a single day and not in phases. It was not keen to requisition Central forces, but was ordered to do so by the Calcutta High Court. When the Central forces did arrive, they were late and were deployed in a haphazard manner.

Compared to the 2018 panchayat polls when the ruling Trinamool Congress won 34% of seats without any contest, the share of uncontested seats this time was only 12%.

Mayhem in Murshidabad

Blood stains and the residue of crude bombs remained on the road when State Congress president Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury visited Liaqat's home the next day. "He was a true Muslim, a pious man. I make a promise that Liaqat Saheb's death will not go in vain," declared the Congress MP from Behrampore in Murshidabad. After Chowdhury left, the cries of grieving women once again rang through the street. "The violence was unprovoked," said Salim, 32, Liaqat's son who works in Indore as a migrant worker.

"This is a fight between one faction of the Trinamool Congress, which is close to the Left, and another faction, which is close to the Congress," Ainul alleged, as people tried to hush him up.

He explained that their nephew, Nasidul Sheikh, was contesting the zilla parishad election from seat number 72 on a Congress ticket. The boundary wall of Liaqat's house had the newly painted symbol of the Congress and the name of Nasidul. Ainul alleged that the violence was perpetrated by supporters of Safiur Zaman, the Trinamool candidate who was fighting the same seat. Both Nasidul and Safiur wanted a ticket from the ruling party in the polls, but when Nasidul was denied a ticket, he turned to the Congress, the party that the family had supported until a few years ago, said Ainul.

Liaqat was the first and oldest person to fall victim to violence on polling day. Voters alleged that large-scale rigging had taken place at the five polling booths near his house. By the night of July 8, fights had broken out across all the districts of the State, and the poll-related death toll had climbed to 17. Later, one policeman died of cardiac arrest, taking the toll to 18.

Five of these deaths occurred in Murshidabad alone. A few hours after Chowdhury visited Liaqat's house, Communist Party of India (Marxist) Politburo member Ram Chanda Dome visited the home of Roshan Ali, a CPI(M) supporter, at Chayatoni village of Murshidabad district. Like Liaqat, Roshan, 40, a migrant worker who had just returned from Kerala, was killed near his house. He had been beaten to death in front of his wife Taslima Nasrin at about 9.30 a.m. inside a polling booth.

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> **BISWANATH CHAKRABORTY**
> Professor, Rabindra Bharati University

The First Information Report filed by Roshan's brother, Rabiul Islam, mentioned Iqbal Hossain, the local booth president of the Congress, as the first accused and Moidul Islam, the Trinamool candidate, as the fourth accused. "The Trinamool in alliance with the Congress killed our brother," alleged Abujar Gaffar, Roshan's relative.

"While the CPI(M)-led Left Front and the Congress were in alliance for these polls, the ground realities at Chayatoni are different. Political affiliations are crucial to the three-tier panchayat elections, but sometimes these identities get blurred," said Biswanath Chakraborty, who teaches political science at Rabindra Bharati University. He pointed out that the desperation of political groups or individuals to hold on to the rural economy through local panchayats becomes evident every time panchayat polls are held. "These elections were held under the most lawless circumstances and have been the most violent. This was the most mismanaged election by the WBSEC in its history," he said.

The Director General of Police, Manoj Malaviya, spoke to journalists only once on the violence. On July 4, he insisted that the situation was under control. The few incidents that had occurred would have taken place whether or not elections were being held, he said.

Targeted killings

While expressing regret over the violence, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said that the people who had been killed were "victims of circumstance". She declared that the death toll was 19 and added that most of those who were killed were supporters of the Trinamool. The party claimed that with 2.06 lakh nominations for 73,897 seats, the polls have been free and fair.

But not all those who died were "victims of circumstance"; many of the killings were targeted, and were followed by retaliatory killings. Sattarul Sheikh, 60, a Trinamool worker who was killed on the eve of polling day, was dragged out of his house and hacked to death at Ratanpur village in Khargram block of Murshidabad.

"They knocked on the door at night and said they were from the police station," said Rofiya Bibi, his wife. Since her son, Abdur Rahman, is an accused in the murder of their neighbour Fulchand Sheikh, she opened the door. She found her husband lying dead about 100 metres away.

Taslima Nasrin, the wife of Roshan Ali who was killed at Chayatoni village in Murshidabad district. DEBASISH BHADURI

Ratanpur is located amid lush paddy fields and ponds. Sattarul, who reared livestock, and Fulchand, a farmer, were neighbours. Fulchand was killed on June 8, soon after the notification was issued for the rural polls. After Sattarul was killed, Fulchand's family fled their home, leaving two Congress flags hanging from the balcony.

It is not only Murshidabad that has seen retaliatory killings. The elections precipitated a factional feud within the Trinamool at Basanti in South 24 Parganas district. On July 2, Jiyarul Molla, the father of a Trinamool candidate, was killed at Phulmalancha village in Basanti.

"My father was associated with Yuva (the youth faction of Trinamool). Those from the 'mother' faction (leaders associated with the party since its inception) had threatened me saying I should withdraw my candidature," said Manoara Piyada, the Trinamool nominee. "I told my husband that my father is receiving threats but he said if we have to take up politics, we should ignore these threats," she said. Later, when Governor C.V. Ananda Bose visited Basanti, Manoara met him, sought an investigation by the Central Bureau of Investigation into her father's murder, and said that she wanted to quit politics.

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> **MANOARA PIYADA**
> Trinamool Congress nominee

On July 8, violence struck again at Phulmalancha village when Trinamool worker Anisur Ostagir, who had stood in queue to cast his vote, was killed at a polling booth. His family alleged that leaders of the Yuva faction had killed Anisur, as retaliation for the murder of Jiyarul.

Seeking shelter

Bhangar in South 24 Parganas was another epicentre of poll violence. Six people were killed in the block, about 20 km from Kolkata, during the elections. While the Trinamool faced challenges from the Congress and the Left in Murshidabad, it was the Indian Secular Front (ISF) that posed a challenge to the Trinamool in Bhangar.

Bhangar turned into a battle zone on June 15, the last day of filing nomination papers. Hundreds of armed men stood outside the Block Development Officer (BDO)'s office to prevent Opposition candidates from filing nomination. Bombs were hurled outside the administrative complex, people ran around with batons and bamboo sticks, and the police were forced to beat a hasty retreat. Three people – two supporters of the Trinamool and one ISF worker – were killed.

About 48% of the seats in the State panchayat polls are reserved for women, who also face stiff challenges. During the nominations at Bhangar, Asma Khatoon, an ISF candidate, was holed up in the BDO's office for several hours as a crowd, which had threatened her with dire consequences if she dared to contest, waited outside.

On the night of July 11, violence again erupted during counting. ISF supporters gathered in large numbers outside Kanthalia High School alleging that their candidate, Jahanara Khatton, was defeated using unfair means. The situation worsened at night and two ISF supporters and a villager died of bullet injuries. Jahanara's family members said that she and her husband had gone missing since the night of July 11.

Novel methods were used during the polls to threaten political opponents. In some places, a garland of tuberoses, a packet of sweets, and white clothes were placed outside the houses of political opponents – a not-so-subtle death threat. During counting, a contestant who realised that his opponent was leading by a few votes ate a few ballot papers which he thought were in support of his rival.

After filing nomination to contest the polls, in certain places, candidates of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), CPI(M), and ISF were forced to seek shelter, often in party offices. "We will have to go into hiding whether we lose or win the elections," said Suvankar Giri, a BJP candidate who had filed nomination from Nazat 2 gram panchayat in Sandeshkhali block of North 24 Parganas.

Between June 14 and June 20, Suvankar and dozens of BJP supporters sought refuge in Maheshwari Sadan outside the BJP State headquarters in Kolkata. BJP candidates from Sandeshkhali left their homes after the results of the polls were declared. Sandeshkhali was the first stop for the fact-finding team of the BJP, led by former Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad.

Apart from Murshidabad and Bhangar, Cooch Behar in north Bengal, particularly Dinhata block, also became a flashpoint of political violence between the BJP and the Trinamool, with five people dying in the district.

'A party society'

On the day of polling, men with firearms, bombs, and batons attacked rival factions. Ballot boxes were snatched, set on fire, or thrown into ponds. At several places, polling agents alleged that they were threatened and beaten up. On that day alone, 130 people with injuries were admitted to the Murshidabad Medical College and Hospital.

Days after the polling, the male surgical ward of the hospital was filled with victims of political violence. Most of them had suffered injuries on their head, face, and hands. Abdul Lateef's face had turned black with burn injuries. Both his hands were bandaged. The cause, Abdul muttered, was a "bomb". A trainee nurse said that Abdul, who was from Farakka town, has been referred to a hospital in Kolkata and may have lost his vision. Other patients whispered that he suffered the injuries while assembling crude bombs.

While many have fallen victims to crude bomb attacks, a large number of people have also lost their lives while manufacturing bombs, especially in Birbhum, North 24 Parganas, and South 24 Parganas. Those who have been killed and injured in the violence are mostly impoverished. A majority of them are minorities or from so-called backward castes and cannot afford treatment.

Sociologist Surajit C. Mukhopadhyay said that the desperation of the people to secure victory in the rural polls is the result of an economic crisis, rather than a political phenomenon. "Panchayats are central to the lives of the people in rural areas. People are left with little choice: either they become beneficiaries of panchayat schemes or migrate for work," he said.

According to Chakraborty from Rabindra Bharati University, violence could continue even after the panchayat elections. "There has been a normalisation of electoral violence. One major reason is that West Bengal society has become a party society, and politics is a major diver of the economy," he said.

On July 12, the Calcutta High Court took note of the report by the force coordinator Inspector General of the Border Security Force who said that there was "conscious non-cooperation" by the WBSEC on the deployment of Central forces during the polls.

Meanwhile, parties are blaming one another. Janarul Sheikh and Titul Halder, both with bandages on their heads, shared a bed at Murshidabad Medical College. Titu said that he was attacked by Trinamool supporters, while Janarul said he was attacked by Congress supporters. When asked which party had resorted to more violence in the elections, Titu was quick to taunt Janarul. "They (Trinamool) have more support on the ground. Ask them why they were resorting to violence," he said.

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Perfect launch to India's third lunar odyssey

The EPO's closest approach to earth was around 170 km and farthest, at 36,500 km.

The propulsion module will carry the lander (containing the rover) from the EPO around earth to a circular orbit around the moon, at an altitude of 100 km. This module also carries an instrument called 'Spectro-polarimetry of Habitable Planetary Earth' (SHAPE), to study spectral emissions coming from earth.

According to ISRO, the lander can soft-land at a specified lunar site and deploy the rover. The rover will perform in-situ chemical studies of the lunar surface as it moves around. The lander also has scientific instruments to study the lunar surface and subsurface.

The propulsion module will execute a series of manoeuvres over the next month to sling itself towards the moon and be caught there by the moon's gravity. Once it has been captured into a lunar orbit, the lander will detach itself and attempt to soft-land on the moon's surface.

The Chandrayaan-3 mission's objective is to develop and demonstrate new technologies required for inter-planetary missions.

India, France set to co-develop jet engine

"A road map on this project will be prepared between Safran and DRDO before the end of this year," the joint statement issued after bilateral talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron said. "They also support industrial cooperation for motorization of heavy-lift helicopters under the IMRH programme with Safran Helicopter Engine, France. To enable progress on the IMRH programme, a Shareholders' Agreement between HAL, India and Safran Helicopter Engine, France has been concluded for engine development."

These ventures are in line with the spirit of trust that prevails between India and France in the sharing and joint development of critical components and technology building blocks, based on the successful Indo-French experience in technology transfer, the statement said.

Last month, HAL and General Electric General Electric signed an MoU to potentially manufacture the F-414 engine for the indigenous Light Combat Aircraft-MK2 subject to license approval from the U.S. Congress. India has been looking for a more powerful engine to power the fifth-generation Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) under development.

'Strong pillar of ties'

"Defence cooperation has been a strong pillar of our ties. It is a symbol of deep mutual trust between the two countries. France is an important partner in Make in India and self-reliant India," Mr. Modi said in the joint press statement along with French President Emmanuel Macron ahead of the bilateral talks at Elysee Palace.

On Thursday, the Defence Acquisition Council accorded preliminary approval for the procurement of 26 Rafale-M fighters to operate off India's aircraft carriers and three additional Scorpene-class diesel-electric submarines from France.

The two leaders also welcomed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Mazgon Dockyard Ltd., Mumbai and Naval Group for the construction of three additional Scorpene submarines.

Further, other defence industrial partnership initiatives are a contract being concluded between Safran Helicopter Engine and HAL for the "Transfer of Technology of Forging and Castings" for the Shakti Engine which powers HAL built helicopters. "Another MoU between Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd. (GRSE), and Naval Group France, a leader in European Naval Defence Industry to collaborate in the field of surface ship that caters to fulfil the requirement of India and International Naval forces," the joint statement stated. Both countries are also working towards adopting a road map on Defence Industrial Cooperation and in view of the uptick in defence industrial collaborations, India is setting up a Technical Office of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) at its Embassy in Paris, the statement said.

Bastille Day parade

Referring to the Bastille Day parade where he was the chief guest, Mr. Modi said we all saw the flypast of Indian Rafale jets, while an Indian Navy ship was also present in a port of France and the contingents of all three Services marched.

Mr. Macron too talked of the long history of Indian troops in both the World Wars. "I was proud to see the Punjab Regiment here in the heart of Paris." He said the two countries have identified new areas of cooperation – steel, space, energy, and civil nuclear – and also announced liberalisation of visa systems for students which was welcomed by Mr. Modi.

After taking part in the Bastille Day parade, PM Modi attended lunch hosted by the President of National Assembly Yaël Braun-Pivet at her official residence.

Later Mr. Modi met with prominent personalities both from France and of Indian origin. This included Charlotte Chopin who began practising yoga at the age of 50. Others include Thomas Pasquet, renowned French astronaut, pilot and actor and Leena Nair, global CEO of luxury brand Chanel. After the bilateral talks, PM Modi and President Macron attended the CEOs forum followed by a banquet dinner in Louvre. Mr. Modi departed for Abu Dhabi just past midnight.

Jaishankar raises 'outstanding issues' along LAC with China's top diplomat

External Affairs Minister meets Wang Yi along the sidelines of East Asia Summit in Jakarta; in earlier meetings with Chinese side, Jaishankar had called for Beijing to take forward disengagement of troops in the two remaining friction points

Ananth Krishnan

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Friday discussed "outstanding issues" along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with top Chinese diplomat Wang Yi along the sidelines of the East Asia Summit (EAS) in Jakarta.

Friday's meet was Mr. Jaishankar's third high-level engagement with the Chinese side in recent months, following bilateral talks during visits by Foreign Minister Qin Gang to India for the G-20 Foreign Ministers' meet in March and for a Shanghai Cooperation Organisation gathering in May.

In both meetings with Mr. Qin, Mr. Jaishankar underlined the importance of peace on the LAC as a prerequisite for normalcy in the broader relationship,

Talking through: External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar meets with Chinese diplomat Wang Yi, who heads the Communist Party's Central Commission for Foreign Affairs, in Jakarta on Friday. ANI

and called for China to take forward disengagement of troops in the two remaining friction points.

A third meeting between the two Foreign Ministers was expected in Jakarta, but Mr. Qin did not travel because of reported health reasons. Instead, his predecessor, Wang Yi, who was promoted last year to the Politburo and also heads the ruling Communist Party's Central Commission for Foreign Affairs, attended the Jakarta meetings.

"Just concluded meeting with Director Wang Yi of the Office of the CPC Central Commission for Foreign Affairs," Mr. Jaishankar said on Friday in a message on Twitter. "Discussed outstanding issues related to peace & tranquility in border areas. Our conversation also covered EAS/ARF [ASEAN Regional Forum] agenda, BRICS and the Indo-Pacific."

Frank discussion

In May, Mr. Jaishankar said following his meeting with Mr. Qin that both sides had a "frank" discussion on the border, and India had made it clear that relations with China were not normal and could not be normal if peace in border areas was disturbed.

Mr. Qin responded by calling on both countries "to draw experience and lessons from history" and "steer bilateral relations from a strategic and long-term perspective", the Chinese Foreign Ministry said then. Mr. Qin also called on both sides "to consolidate existing outcomes, strictly abide by relevant agreements and protocols, work to ease and cool down the border situation, and maintain sustained peace and tranquility in the border areas."

However, Indian officials say the Chinese military has continued to drag its feet in the slow-moving negotiations to restore peace and complete disengagement in all seven friction areas that have seen tensions following multiple Chinese transgressions in April and May 2020.

Both sides have disengaged in five areas, creating buffer zones in some of them, even as tens of thousands of troops still remain deployed in forward areas close to the LAC.

SC to hear Sisodia's plea for interim bail on July 28

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday agreed to hear on July 28 a plea by former Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, who is seeking interim bail to meet his wife who is under medical care.

"For his medical reasons, we will hear," a Bench headed by Justice Sanjeev Khanna remarked.

Senior advocate A.M. Singhvi said the AAP leader's wife was suffering from a "progressive disease". The Bench said it was familiar with the nature of the illness, and would consider the plea.

Mr. Sisodia has been in custody since February in connection with an alleged scam concerning the liquor excise policy. The Bench is hearing two separate pleas for interim bail. The CBI and the Enforcement Directorate have both opposed the pleas.

SC notice to Maharashtra Speaker in petition over disqualification proceedings

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday issued a notice to Maharashtra Assembly Speaker Rahul Narwekar in a petition filed by the loyalists of Uddhav Thackeray, accusing him of deliberately delaying the disqualification proceedings pending against Chief Minister Eknath Shinde for defection.

Appearing before a three-judge Bench headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud, senior advocate Devadutt Kamat, for Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sunil Prabhu, said the Speaker had quickly issued notices after learning that the petition was filed in the apex court.

"We will issue notice. We will hear this after two weeks," Chief Justice Chandrachud addressed Mr. Kamat.

The petition, which was filed in the top court amidst the churn in Maharashtra politics following Ajit Pawar's split from NCP to join the Shinde Cabinet as Deputy Chief Minister, said Speakers should "rise above their political affiliations" while performing the duties of the office.

'Brazen disregard'

It said Mr. Narwekar's conduct had been in "brazen disregard" of his constitutional duties as a neutral arbiter under the Tenth Schedule (anti-defection law) of the Constitution.

"It is imperative for this court to direct the Speaker to decide the disqualification petitions filed by the petitioner against delinquent members of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly expeditiously and within a time-bound manner, or, alternatively, to decide the disqualification petitions itself," the 406-page petition by Mr. Prabhu urged.

The petition referred to the apex court's own 2020 judgment in Keisham Meghachandra Singh V. Manipur Legislative Assembly, which had laid down that disqualification petitions under the Tenth Schedule should normally be decided within a period of three months from the date of their filing.

The petition said Mr. Narwekar's inaction amounted to bias as it effectively permits Mr. Shinde's illegal continuance in office when disqualification proceedings for defection are hanging over him.

Mr. Prabhu, also represented by advocates Amit Anand Tiwari and Nishant Patil, said the Supreme Court, in its May 11 judgment on the Thackeray-Shinde battle for control over Shiv Sena, had placed its trust in Mr. Narwekar to impartially hear and decide the anti-defection proceedings against the Mr. Shinde camp.

However, Mr. Prabhu said three months have passed since the judgment and Mr. Narwekar has not called for even a single hearing despite repeated representations to do so.

NCP Ministers allotted portfolios in Shinde Cabinet reshuffle, Ajit gets Finance

Abhinay Deshpande
MUMBAI

Nearly two weeks after the inclusion of Ajit Pawar, a rebel leader from the Sharad Pawar-led Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), as Deputy Chief Minister and eight MLAs as Ministers in the ruling coalition, the Maharashtra Cabinet was reshuffled on Friday with Mr. Ajit Pawar getting the Finance and Planning portfolio, the same office he had during the previous Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government.

NCP's Chhagan Bhujbal got the Food and Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection, while Dilip Walse-Patil will now oversee the Cooperation Department.

Dhananjay Munde will be the new Agriculture Minister replacing Shiv Sena's Abdul Sattar, who will now handle Minority Development and Wakf, Panan.

This is the first reshuffle in his Council of Ministers by Chief Minster Eknath Shinde since he assumed charge of the top office after toppling the Uddhav Thackeray-led MVA government in June last.

Ajit Pawar and a few leaders broke away from the Nationalist Congress Party two weeks ago. PTI

Aditi Tatkare became the first woman Minister in the current dispensation and will now hold the Women and Child Welfare Department.

'Shinde opposed move'

Sources from the Chief Minister's Office told *The Hindu* that Mr. Shinde has expressed strong opposition to the decision of allocating the coveted Finance portfolio to Mr. Ajit Pawar.

Mr. Shinde and his party leaders allege that Mr. Ajit played a biased role in allocating funds to Shiv Sena MLAs during the MVA regime, which affected the development of their constituencies. "However, he went to Delhi and personally advocated for the important portfolio for himself and his party men," stated the sources.

For the past year, Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis was handling the Finance and Planning Department Mr. Fadnavis will now handle Home, Law and Justice, Water Resources and Irrigation Development, Energy and Parliamentary Affairs.

Radhakrishna Vikhe-Patil was given Revenue, Animal Husbandry, and Dairy Development while Sudhir Sachhidanand Mungantiwar will handle Forests, Cultural Affairs, and Fisheries. At present, the Maharashtra Cabinet consists of 29 Ministers.

Indian contingent marches in Paris to *Sare Jahan Se Accha*

Dinakar Peri
PARIS

The strains of *Sare Jahan Se Accha* rang through the Champs-Élysées on Friday as a 242-member Indian military contingent marching in France's Bastille Day parade saluted chief guest Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron. Welcoming the Prime Minister, Mr. Macron said India was "a giant in world history, with a decisive role to play in the future, a strategic partner, a friend".

Both the marching contingent and the band have historical connections to France, being some of the oldest units of the Indian Army. They fought in both World Wars, with many members laying down their lives in battlefields here and being decorated for their sacrifices.

"This July 14, soldiers and Rafale aircraft from India are marching and flying alongside our troops. We honour the memory of those who fought with the French in the First World War. We shall never forget," Mr. Macron said on Twitter.

The parade began with a flypast by French aircraft, showing the colours of the French national flag, followed by a formation of three Rafale fighter jets of the Indian Air Force and a French Air Force Rafale. The marching contingents began as the flypast ended.

The Indian Army contingent, comprising 68 marching personnel from the Punjab Regiment and 38 band members from the Rajputana Rifles, was led by Captain Aman Jagtap.

In sync: Indian troops march during the Bastille Day military parade in Paris on Friday. AP

World War memories

Troops of the Punjab Regiment took part in both World Wars, as well as in post-independence operations. In the First World War, they were awarded 18 Battle and Theatre Honours. The Rajputana Rifles is the seniormost rifle regiment of the Indian Army and took part in some of the bloodiest battles of both the World Wars.

The Naval contingent comprised four officers and 64 sailors, and was led by Cdr. Vrat Baghel, a specialist in gunnery and missile warfare.

The Indian Navy was also represented by *INS Chennai*, an indigenously designed and constructed guided missile destroyer, which is on deployment to France from July 12 to 16. The ship's crew represented India at the Bastille Day celebrations at Brest, a port city in northwestern France, the Navy said.

The IAF contingent comprised four Rafale fighters, two C-17 Globemasters, and 72 IAF personnel. The IAF observed that many Indians – including Welinkar, Shivdev Singh, H.C. Dewan and Jumbo Majumdar – fought over the skies of France during the two World Wars.

The IAF's marching contingent was commanded by Squadron Leader Sindhu Reddy, a helicopter pilot who has extensively flown the Alouette-III.

Prime Minister conferred highest award of France

Press Trust of India
PARIS

Narendra Modi has become the first Indian Prime Minister to be conferred the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour, France's highest civilian and military honour.

Mr. Modi received the honour at the Elysee Palace here on Thursday and joined the ranks of world leaders such as former South African President Nelson Mandela and former German Chancellor Angela Merkel, among others.

Congratulations to the team and everyone who worked relentlessly to accomplish the feat! It demonstrates unwavering commitment to advancement in space science

DROUPADI MURMU
President

ISRO will receive support from the stations of partner organisations. Thanks to its global 'Estrack' network of deep space stations, ESA can help its partners track, command and receive data from spacecraft

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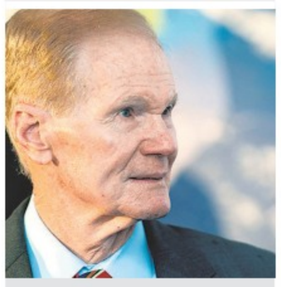


Wishing you safe travels... We look forward to the scientific results to come from the mission, including NASA's laser retroreflector array

BILL NELSON
NASA Administrator

Success of Chandrayaan launch vehicle gives Gaganyaan a leg-up

Gaganyaan is expected to demonstrate India's manned spaceflight capability; LVM project director Mohan Kumar said the human-rated S200 [solid strap-on motors] have been used again, and the L110 Vikas engine has also become human-rated

The Hindu Bureau
SRIHARIKOTA

With a human-rated Launch Vehicle Mark (LVM) to be used for the upcoming Gaganyaan mission, the LVM-3's successful launch of the Chandrayaan-3 on Friday gained significance, as it has further enhanced the reliability of the launch vehicle.

Following the launch, LVM project director Mohan Kumar said that the rocket used for the Chandrayaan-3 mission used multiple systems that were rated for humans. "The human-rated S200 [solid strap-on motors] that were used earlier were again used, and the L110 Vikas engine has also completely become human-rated today," he said.

ISRO's Gaganyaan project is expected to demonstrate India's human spaceflight capability by launching three astronauts to an orbit of 400 km for a three-day mission, and then bringing them safely back to earth, landing them in Indian seas.

The success of the Chandrayaan-3 launch was celebrated by several public and private sector units all over the country that played an active role in the mission. For instance, Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited (MIDHANI), the defence PSU, had developed and supplied various critical and strategic materials for the three-stage heavy lift launch vehicle.

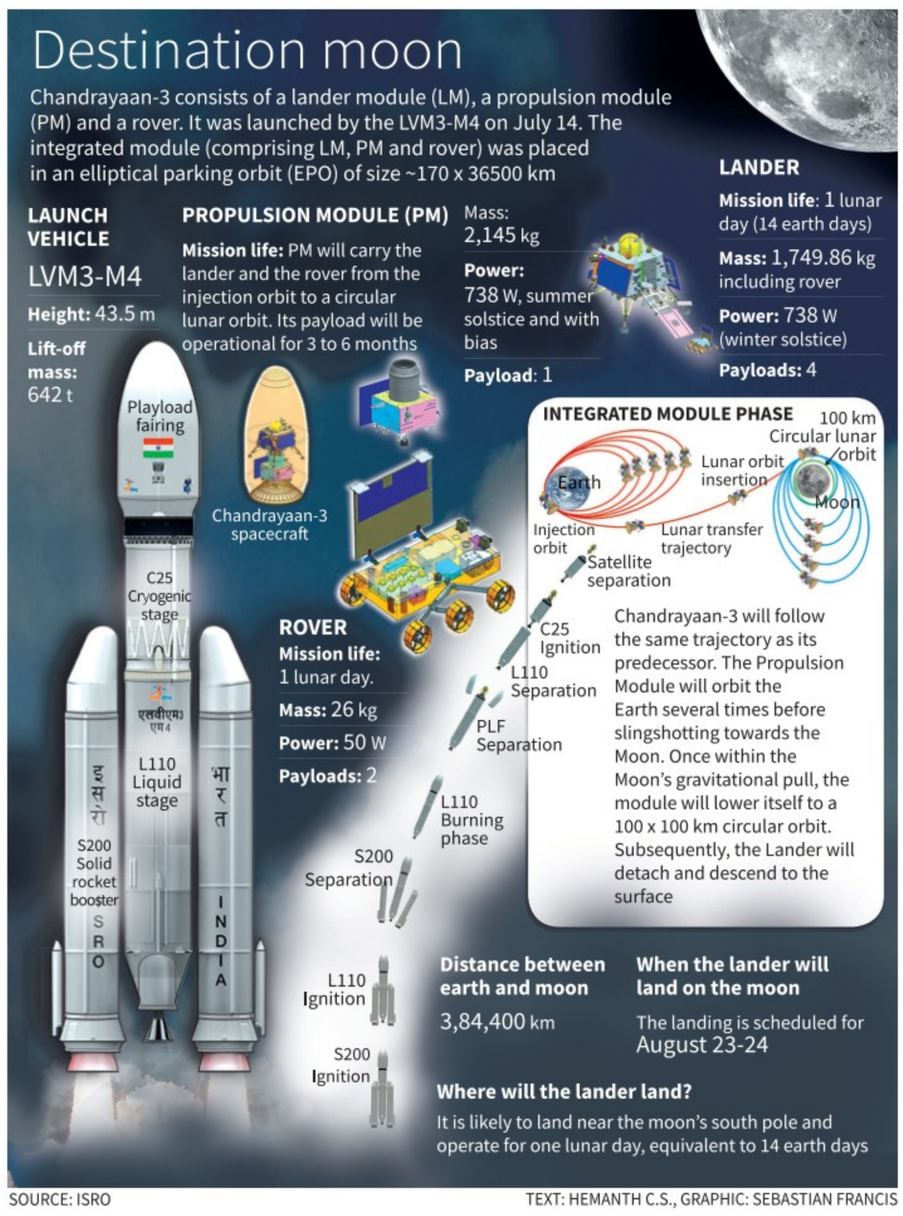
It supplied cobalt base alloys, nickel base alloys, titanium alloys and special steels for liquid engine, nozzles for liquid stages, gas bottles, thrusters, cryogenic upper stage components, rocket motor casing, propellant tanks and investment castings of nickel alloys, stainless steel for exhaust unit, etc., said an official release.

Kerala government undertaking Keltron in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala Minerals and Metals (KMML) in Kollam, and long-time industry partners of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) such as Ananth Technologies Ltd (ATL) and Kortas Industries Pvt Ltd supplied many components. Keltron supplied 41 electronics modules and various power modules. Many of the critical components on the mission used alloys from titanium sponge produced by the KKML. KMML has a 500-tonne capacity titanium sponge plant at Chavara, Kollam, a joint venture with the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) and the Defence Metallurgical Research Laboratory (DMRL). A Kerala-based rubber products firm supplied the a crucial flex seal. Vajra Rubber Products in Thrissur supplied S-200 thrust vector control flex seal for the vehicle.

The Hyderabad-headquartered Ananth Technologies Ltd (ATL), which has exclusive facilities in Thiruvananthapuram and Bengaluru for supporting ISRO's space programmes, contributed to the avionics packages for the LVM-3 mission, including on board computers on the launch vehicle, navigation system, control electronics, telemetry, power systems and various vehicle interface units.

In Bhubaneswar, technicians and students of the Central Tool Room and Training Centre are eagerly waiting to see the successful soft landing of the vehicle on the moon's surface. The CTTC has also supplied critical components. The Bhubaneswar-based central PSU has manufactured several flow control valves used in the LVM-3. It also supplied gyroscopes, propellant walls and parts, and sensors. The CTTC also manufactured some links and components of the wheel mechanism of the moon lander.

(With inputs from Kerala, Telangana and Karnataka bureaus and PTI)


Destination moon
Chandrayaan-3 consists of a lander module (LM), a propulsion module (PM) and a rover. It was launched by the LVM3-M4 on July 14. The integrated module (comprising LM, PM and rover) was placed in an elliptical parking orbit (EPO) of size ~170 x 36500 km
LAUNCH VEHICLE
LVM3-M4
Height: 43.5 m
Lift-off mass: 642 t
PROPULSION MODULE (PM)
Mission life: PM will carry the lander and the rover from the injection orbit to a circular lunar orbit. Its payload will be operational for 3 to 6 months
Mass: 2,145 kg
Power: 738 W, summer solstice and with bias
Payload: 1
LANDER
Mission life: 1 lunar day (14 earth days)
Mass: 1,749.86 kg including rover
Power: 738 W (winter solstice)
Payloads: 4
Playload fairing
Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft
C25 Cryogenic stage
L110 Liquid stage
S200 Solid rocket booster
ROVER
Mission life: 1 lunar day.
Mass: 26 kg
Power: 50 W
Payloads: 2
INTEGRATED MODULE PHASE
100 km Circular lunar orbit
Earth
Lunar orbit insertion
Moon
Injection orbit
Lunar transfer trajectory
Satellite separation
C25 Ignition
L110 Separation
PLF Separation
L110 Burning phase
S200 Separation
L110 Ignition
S200 Ignition
Chandrayaan-3 will follow the same trajectory as its predecessor. The Propulsion Module will orbit the Earth several times before slingshotting towards the Moon. Once within the Moon's gravitational pull, the module will lower itself to a 100 x 100 km circular orbit. Subsequently, the Lander will detach and descend to the surface
Distance between earth and moon
3,84,400 km
When the lander will land on the moon
The landing is scheduled for August 23-24
Where will the lander land?
It is likely to land near the moon's south pole and operate for one lunar day, equivalent to 14 earth days

SOURCE: ISRO
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Fruit of labour: Leaders hailed the successful launch as a mark of advancement made by India in space science. B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

'Over the moon': praises pour in across party lines

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Top political leaders cutting across party lines hailed the successful launch of India's third moon mission, Chandrayaan-3 on Friday.

Lauding the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for the successful launch, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Friday said it was testimony to the vision, foresight, determination and accomplishments of all previous Prime Ministers, including Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

Taking to Twitter, the Congress president said, "Our collective happiness is over the moon. Thanks to the tremendous ingenuity, dedication, skill and hard work of our scientists, engineers and everyone involved in the successful launch of the Chandrayaan-3 Mission. We are extremely proud of each one of you for this remarkable achievement. We express our sincere gratitude to the extraordinary team at ISRO."

Former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi said in a tweet, "Today, more than a billion of us look to the sky, beaming with pride. Chandrayaan-3 is the fruit of decades of labour by the scientific community since the launch of India's space programme in 1962, followed by the creation of ISRO in 1969. The success of this mission will make us only the fourth nation to land a spacecraft on the surface of the Moon. A truly incredible feat! Congratulations to the entire team at ISRO."

Congratulating the ISRO team, Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar said this "extraordinary feat" highlights the advancement made by India in space science and research.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah also hailed the successful launch and said the "tireless pursuit of the ISRO scientists has propelled India on the path of scripting a remarkable space odyssey for generations to cherish."

Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said, "Great visuals - these embody the skill, passion and spirit of New India. Our quest for space excellence takes-off in style. Chandrayaan-3."

(With inputs from PTI)

Nagaland revokes bar on Aadhaar update for people from Manipur

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

The authorities of a Nagaland subdivision have revoked their order barring the common service centres (CSC) from updating the Aadhaar details of Kuki people displaced by the ethnic violence in Manipur.

P. James Swu, the Additional Deputy Commissioner of Medziphema, issued the order on July 11 asking the Aadhaar operators in the Medziphema subdivision "not to entertain change of address" of Aadhaar documents "as it may lead to future complications". He referred to instances of Kuki people from Manipur approaching the CSCs for a change of address in their Aadhaar.

Revoking the bar on Aadhaar update through another order on Friday, Mr. Swu asked Aadhaar enrolment centres, supervisors, and operators to strictly check the accepted list of documents issued by the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) and authenticate the antecedents – whether issued by a village or ward authority – of an applicant.

The details, after due scrutiny, should be reflected in the Aadhaar ecosystem through the State government portal of the district, subdivision, or circle concerned, it said.

Top court extends relief granted to lawyer

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday continued till July 17 its protection against arrest of a lawyer who took part in a fact-finding mission to violence-hit Manipur.

A Bench extended the order till Monday on a plea by senior advocate Siddharth Dave for the lawyer, Deeksha Dwivedi.

Ms. Dwivedi was part of a team of the National Federation of Indian Women that visited Manipur. The members subsequently alleged that the violence in Manipur was State-sponsored. Following this, the Manipur Police filed an FIR against them.

Keep an eye on people from Manipur living in Delhi, police told

Mehul Malpani
Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

The police have been instructed that social media accounts may also be monitored

The Delhi police have sounded an alert at all stations to keep a watch on the tribal and non-tribal communities from Manipur who are living in Delhi. The police have been instructed that the social media accounts of the community members may also be monitored.

A senior police officer told *The Hindu* that the communication was a precautionary measure in view of a barrage of misleading and fake messages on social media that could provoke violence.

The police have been told to keep a close eye on the online and offline activities of the members Meitei and Kuki communities based on an intelligence input regarding possible law and order situation.

When asked about the order, an officer said police were in touch with people from the State on a regular basis. "Beat officers and SHOs of these areas keep meeting the seniors of both communities to maintain calm and assure them of safety," he said.

Justices Bhuyan and Bhatti take oath as new SC judges

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud on Friday administered the oath of office to two new Supreme Court judges, Justices Ujjal Bhuyan and S. Venkatanarayana Bhatti.

Justice Bhuyan, appointed as a judge of the Gauhati High Court on October 17, 2011, had been serving as the Chief Justice of Telangana High Court since June 28 last year.

"Justice Ujjal Bhuyan is a judge with a good reputation for integrity and competence," the Collegium resolution read.

Justice Bhatti was appointed as a judge of the Andhra Pradesh High Court on April 12, 2013.

The Collegium explained its choice of Justice Bhatti, saying the Andhra Pradesh High Court did not have any representation on the Bench of the Supreme Court since August 2022. Justice Bhatti was transferred to the Kerala High Court in March 2019. He had been serving as Chief Justice there since June 1.

The Collegium noted that Justice Bhatti's judgments dealt with a myriad range of issues from multiple branches of law, and "stand testimony to his legal acumen and competence".

Justice S.V. Bhatti takes oath as a judge of the Supreme Court. Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud is also seen. ANI

SC to hear plea against restoration of Internet

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday agreed to hear on July 17 the Manipur government's plea against the High Court order for limited restoration of Internet.

The Manipur government, represented by advocate Kanu Agarwal, made an urgent mention of the State's pending plea before Chief Justice of India D. Y. Chandrachud. The Manipur High Court had passed the order on July 7.

At G-20 meet, India presses for responsible use of AI technology

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

There is certainly some cause for concern about Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated cyber-attacks, malware, highly convincing information manipulation, and scams that can be deployed cheaply and at formidable scale using these tools, India said in a statement at the conclusion of the G-20 conference on cyber security.

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) conducted the G-20 Conference on 'Crime and Security in the Age of NFTs (Non-Fungible Tokens) AI and Metaverse' on July 13-14 at Gurugram.

"There is also a need for analysis of capabilities and applications of AI technologies used by malicious actors that can be exploited for malicious purposes. Focussed discussions on the need for transparent and accountable AI governance frameworks to ensure the responsible use of AI technologies is necessary considering the recent developments in this field," the statement said. India is currently chairing the G20 presidency.

The emerging challenges and risks associated with the misuse of Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs) needs to be explored. Discussions, knowledge exchange, and the formulation of strategies to address this evolving threat landscape is necessary, the statement said.

The conference also shed light on challenges in tackling illicit activities associated with Metaverse technologies by facilitating discussions and presenting recommendations and insights during the discussions.

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INBRIEF

One more cheetah dies at Kuno National Park

One more cheetah has been found dead in the Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh, government sources confirmed to *The Hindu* – the fifth adult to have died since 20 of the beasts were translocated from Namibia and South Africa a year ago. Officials at the Environment Ministry, nodally in-charge of Project Cheetah, have not explained the recent death, though it is learnt that a post-mortem is on and a meeting, involving several senior officials, was under way as of late Friday. The latest death of the cheetah, named Surya, comes two days after Tejas, was found dead. Surya was among the 12 cheetahs which are free ranging and roaming in the wild.

Landslides cut off Nathula, other parts of Sikkim

Landslides triggered by heavy rain cut off large parts of northern and eastern Sikkim, including Nathula pass, while efforts were being made to restore connectivity, officials said on Friday. A landslide in the 9th Mile area along the Jawaharlal Nehru Road in the morning cut off Nathula pass, connecting India and China, besides tourist destinations such as Tsomgo Lake and Baba Mandir, from Sikkim's capital Gangtok, they said. Border Roads Organisation (BRO) said its personnel have started work to clear the highway and restore connectivity. "It could take at least a day to clear the road for traffic," a BRO official said. PTI

Over 67,000 people affected as floods worsen in Assam

The flood situation in Assam worsened on Friday with a population of over 67,000 affected in 17 districts of the State as the water level of the major rivers, including the Brahmaputra, was above the danger level at several places, an official bulletin said. No death was reported during the day and the toll remained at seven in the current wave of floods. A crop area of 2,770 hectares has been damaged while 49,535 animals were also affected. An embankment was damaged in Majuli and 18 roads were damaged in Barpeta, Chirang, Dhubri, Golaghat, Lakhimpur, Majuli, Sivasagar and Sonitpur districts. Large-scale erosion was also reported. PTI

Delhi's IGI airport gets fourth runway, cross taxiway

Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia inaugurated Delhi airport's fourth runway and its dual elevated cross taxiway, which is expected to raise aircraft movement at the airport from 1,500 to 2,000 per day. Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport is the first in the country to have a fourth runway, as well as a dual elevated cross taxiway, which is a passage for aircraft to move from their parking stands to the runway and vice versa. The cross taxiway will connect the northern and the southern parts of the airfield, and since it is elevated, vehicular traffic can pass under it. It will reduce taxiing time for aircraft by eight to nine minutes, Mr. Scindia said.

Yamuna floods Rajghat, reaches Supreme Court

The water level in the river has started dropping, but still remains over the danger mark; flood-damaged regulator triggers political blame game; Delhi CM, L-G present united front

Jaideep Deo Bhanj
NEW DELHI

The Yamuna continued to be in spate on Friday, with its waters making its way further into the city, flooding Rajghat and reaching the gates of the Supreme Court. The Army and the Navy were called in to assist the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and local civic agencies to stop the flow of river water into the city.

While the water level of the Yamuna dropped gradually through the day, coming down to 208.2 metres by 7 p.m. on Friday evening from its record high of 208.66 metres 24 hours earlier, it was still well over the danger mark of 205.33 metres that was breached on Monday.

Under water: The Mahatma Gandhi Samadhi caught in the flood waters of the Yamuna. R.V. MOORTHY

River, drains flood city

The city administration had its hands full as the Indraprastha water regulator, located near the busy Income Tax Office junction and managed by the Irrigation and Flood Control Department, was itself damaged due to the river's strong flow flooding areas in its vicinity. The backflow of water from drains also flooded areas that were located away from the floodplains.

Delhi's Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and Lieutenant-Governor V.K. Saxena – who are usually at loggerheads with each other – visited affected areas and addressed the media together, with the L-G saying that it was "not a time to blame each other", and that they are working as a team for the people of Delhi.

Politics at play

However, a blame game ensued away from the cameras, with Delhi Water and Flood Control Minister Saurabh Bharadwaj saying that officers were "not responding to his orders to call in an NDRF team to fix the broken regulator due to the ordinance brought in by the Central Government". Sources in Raj Niwas said that Mr. Bharadwaj's remarks were "uncalled for" and that the "NDRF is not responsible for carrying out regular engineering works".

Politics also came to the fore as Delhi's Aam Aadmi Party government accused Haryana's BJP government of releasing water towards the capital from the Hathnikund Barrage, causing the flood-like situation, instead of the east and west canals that flow to Uttar Pradesh and Haryana. The BJP reacted by saying that the AAP was trying to mislead the public with such theories after failing to desilt the Yamuna.

By evening, Mr. Kejriwal announced that one of the three water treatment plants that had been shut down due to the high water levels had been restarted, bringing relief to Delhi residents who had been told to prepare themselves for a shortage of clean water. The Raj Niwas issued a statement saying that the damaged water regulator had been fixed.

Declare floods as calamity, compensate farmers for loss: SKM

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The organisation demands separate compensation for loss of crops and farm animals

The Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM), an umbrella organisation of various farmers' outfits, urged the Centre to declare the floods and landslides in north Indian States, particularly in Himachal Pradesh, as a national calamity. The SKM said in a statement here on Friday that farmers should be adequately compensated for the loss they suffered due to the floods.

It also asked the farmers to join the relief works in various States.

The organisation pointed out that landslides, waterlogging and floods caused the death of more than 100 people till now. "Himachal Pradesh is the worst affected State and 80 people have already lost their lives there. Properties worth hundreds of crores of rupees and numerous cattle have been lost," it said, adding that farmers are the most affected since they have lost crops and cattle. It also asked the Centre to fast-track rescue and relief work in Himachal and other affected regions.

The SKM demanded that the Centre and State government provide compensation of ₹10 lakh to the families who have died, ₹50,000 per acre for crop loss, ₹1 lakh per bovine cattle and ₹1 lakh per small ruminant. "SKM notes with dismay that it is unfortunate that there is no effective insurance coverage for agriculture and animal husbandry sector due to the collapse of the Prime Minister's Fazal Bima Yojna in many of the affected States," it said.

SKM also opposed the amendments made in the Forest Conservation (Amendment) Bill, which is expected to be tabled in the monsoon session of Parliament. "The purpose of the bill is facilitating corporate take over of the forest resources for profiteering and deny the rights of the local communities especially Adivasis over forest and forest resources," the SKM alleged.

Congress demands transparency in donations to BJP

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Pawan Khera

Demanding transparency and accountability in funding of political parties, the Congress on Friday claimed that 52% of the donations to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) came in the form of electoral bonds and the amount totalled up to ₹5,200 crore in six financial years.

Addressing a press conference, Congress spokesperson Pawan Khera claimed that the BJP got three times more funds than all other political parties put together through electoral bonds. Quoting the latest report of the Association of Democratic Reforms (ADR), Mr. Khera said between 2016-17 and 2021-22, the BJP received ₹5,271.97 crore while all other parties together got ₹1,783.93 crore.

Mr. Khera said, "₹5,200 crore came into the coffers of the ruling party, without any questions, without any answers and without the country getting to know what was the *quid pro quo*."

He said while Prime Minister Narendra Modi talks of transparency, the electoral bonds are the most opaque system of political funding.

He alleged that the electoral bonds "legitimised" crony capitalism as it removed earlier restrictions like a limit on companies that they cannot donate more than 7.5% of their three years' net profit.

Data Protection Bill poses severe restrictions to RTI Act, NCPRI cautions govt.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

An upcoming amendment to the Right to Information Act, 2005 is set to remove the legal basis allowing government agencies to share personal information in public interest, a move that activists have warned would dilute the transparency law.

In the version of the Digital Personal Data Protection Bill cleared for introduction in Parliament, a copy of which was reviewed by *The Hindu*, there exists a section that would eliminate the majority of Section 8(1)(j) of the 2005 law.

According to that section, personal information cannot be disclosed under the RTI Act "which has no relationship to any public activity or interest, or which would cause unwarranted invasion of the privacy of the individual unless ... the larger public interest justifies the disclosure of such information". The data Bill would remove all these caveats, prohibiting government agencies from sharing private information of any kind, regardless of the public interest it may entail.

> The Bill seeks to amend the Act by severely restricting its scope and adversely impacting the ability of people to access information
> **NCPRI STATEMENT**

The National Campaign for Peoples' Right to Information (NCPRI), which has been among the major pressure groups advocating for transparency since 1996, wrote to Members of Parliament raising alarm on this change. "The Bill seeks to amend the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005 by severely restricting its scope and adversely impacting the ability of people to access information," said the letter, signed by NCPRI co-convenor Anjali Bhardwaj and other activists.

"It is well established that access to granular information, including personal information, is critical to empower people to undertake collective monitoring and ensure they are able to access their rights and entitlements," NCPRI said in a note accompanying the letter.

"This principle is well recognised and has been adopted in various welfare programmes and schemes. The proposed Bill will potentially place impediments and restrictions on such public disclosures."

ED seizes ₹3.94 crore linked to edtech firm

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has seized ₹3.94 crore in the case related to Pigeon Education Technology India Private Limited under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA). The agency had earlier seized ₹8.31 crore in the same case.

The company, which provides online education under the name 'Oda Class', is allegedly 100% owned by Chinese nationals and all its affairs are being handled by persons operating from China, said the agency.

According to the ED, its investigation revealed that the firm siphoned off ₹82.72 crore to China and Hong Kong on the pretext of advertising and marketing expenses, on the instructions of its Chinese director Liu Kan. But it could not produce any proof for any ads or services.

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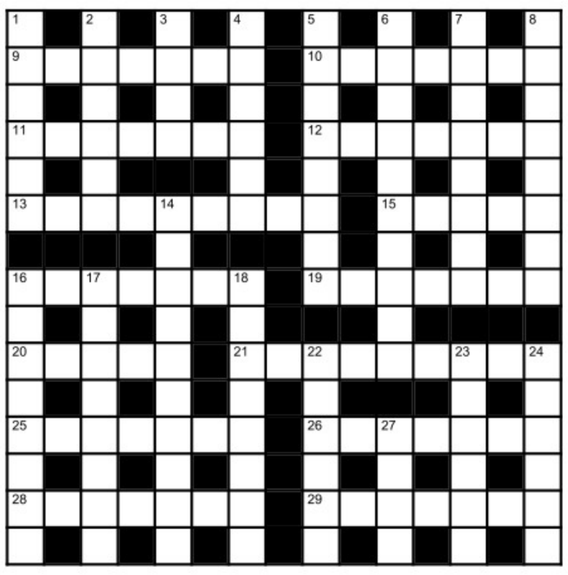

Across

9 Loving a party at club (7)
10 Delhi uncle's exam is stiffest (7)
11 Friend's state in a bother (7)
12 Hungry local seen in company of a woman of ill-repute (7)
13 Toy robot at the end supplied current to move (5,4)
15 Warmed some latte, added powdered weed (5)
16 Outside of Rio, wild carnivores are found in tunnels (7)
19 More merciless to break off with engineer (7)
20 French essentially wear dark material (5)
21 The blaze I created for the Queen (9)
25 Lion is essentially encaged, loses its original nature (7)
26 Cat coils and rests inside fold of headgear (4,3)
28 Plant/herb husband removed after grooming initially takes time (7)
29 Unpleasant person, after last of drinks gains control (7)

Down

1 Warrior clan's upset, upset on rank (6)
2 Out with a weapon and commanded (6)
3 Son joins capital and prays (4)
4 Marketplaces from the past era rebuilt (6)
5 By the sound of it, you are in America with ranks (8)
6 Playing viola, a guy finally tours country (10)
7 It's more cowardly to shout at landlord pointlessly (8)
8 Simpler to regularly tour in 8-footer? (8)
14 Railway employee at Vepery end is on a road leading to Chennai Central Station to collect letter waiving rent (10)
16 Cocktail of cold gin and small greenish apples (8)
17 Wine merchants are against accepting incompetent interns (8)
18 Almost made sense to order with botanical dealer (8)
22 Penetrate rain festival to hide (6)
23 Perhaps former prisoners, by end of June have cross-country unions, half of them (2-4)
24 Hard work and energy earns rupees for believers (6)
27 Prophet's morning's only with saint (4)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Gita shows how to let go

The Bhagavad Gita, a conversation between Lord Krishna and Arjuna, is a compilation of practical life techniques, which, if consciously practised, ensure a prosperous life imbued with an inner peace that is ever-constantly inching forward toward the ultimate goal of human incarnation – self-realisation.

Try vocalising the word Gita backward continuously. It begins to sound like "*Tyagi*." "*Tyag*" in Sanskrit means renunciation, letting go. This non-attachment – not of and to objects and beings themselves, but in the attitude harboured towards them – is one of the many vital teachings embedded within the Gita, said Avanti Kundalia in a discourse.

The vice of possessiveness and differentiation is highlighted in the opening verse of the Gita itself, casting an ominous shadow of what is to follow, as it were. The blind king Dhritarashtra, who is hopelessly attached to his sons and a usurped throne, asks his minister Sanjaya to relay what is happening between his sons and Pandu's sons on the battlefield of Kurukshetra. *Dhritarashtra uvacha:* – '*mamakah pandavashchaiva kimakurvata Sanjaya*'.

This all-devouring sentiment of *mama* – 'my' ness creates the most significant impediments to personal and global development. It causes rifts between people – it separates and disempowers them. As *Harry Potter* author J.K. Rowling says, "We are only as strong as we are united, as weak as we are divided."

The first thing humanity would have to renounce is this relentless distinction between mine and yours. Worse still, is the mine is better than yours mentality.

WAD MADANI

Communication blackout, disease outbreak in Sudan as fighting rages

REUTERS

War-torn Sudan's capital Khartoum experienced a communications blackout for several hours on Friday as the Army and paramilitary forces waged intense battles and humanitarian groups warned of worsening crises. The source of the malfunction was not clear, though mobile and Internet networks were restored by noon. AFP

ISLAMABAD

Pakistan PM launches $3.5-billion Chinese-designed nuclear project

AP

Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif launched the 1,200 MW nuclear power plant being built with China's assistance in Punjab. Earlier, Mr. Sharif had inked an agreement with China worth $3.5 billion under which Beijing would build the Chashma-V nuclear plant at Chashma in the Mianwali district of Punjab. AFP

ISTANBUL

Turkey's Erdogan says Putin agreed to grain deal extension

REUTERS

Russian President Vladimir Putin has agreed to extend the Black Sea grain deal, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said. The deal, signed five months after the Russian invasion of Ukraine, is set to expire on Monday, and Putin has repeatedly threatened not to renew it because of obstacles to Russia's own exports. AFP

BEIJING

Beijing says Germany's new China strategy to result in 'risks'

AP

Germany's tougher new approach to managing its relationship with China would increase "man-made risks" and "exacerbate divisions" in the world, Chinese spokesperson Wang Wenbin said. The 64-page strategy, adopted on Thursday by officials in Berlin who said it was formulated in response to a "more assertive" China. AFP

In jibe against China, Blinken rallies ASEAN countries against 'coercion'

U.S. Secretary of State says countries must uphold the freedom of navigation in the South and East China Seas and maintain peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait; he meets China's Wang Yi but shuns Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov

Agence France-Presse
JAKARTA

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken vowed unity on Friday with Southeast Asian nations against "coercion", in a thinly veiled reference to Beijing, as host Indonesia warned at talks that the region should not become a proxy for global rivalries.

Mr. Blinken met Foreign Ministers from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in Jakarta at a gathering that also brought the top diplomats of China and Russia, the two main adversaries to the United States.

A day after his latest talks with China on managing tensions between the two powers, Mr. Blinken made a clear if unstated allusion to concerns shared with many in the region over Beijing.

Building consensus: Antony Blinken, centre, along with envoys from other ASEAN countries in Jakarta on Friday. REUTERS

"We share a vision of the Indo-Pacific that is free, open, prosperous, secure, connected and resilient," Mr. Blinken told ASEAN Foreign Ministers, using another term for the Asia region.

"That means a region where countries are free to choose their own paths and their own partners, where problems are dealt with openly – not through coercion," he said.

"We must uphold the freedom of navigation in the South and East China Seas and maintain peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait."

Friction has been rising for years between Beijing and Southeast Asian nations, particularly Vietnam and the Philippines, over China's sweeping claims to much of the South China Sea.

Maritime incidents have been on the rise and tensions have also soared over Taiwan, the self-governing democracy which Beijing claims and has not ruled out seizing by force.

No proxy

But host Indonesia warned that ASEAN cannot become a proxy, as tensions flare not only between the U.S. and China but over Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

"The Indo-Pacific must not be another battleground," Indonesian Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi told ministers of the 18-nation East Asia Summit.

Mr. Blinken met on Thursday evening for more than an hour and a half with China's foreign policy supremo Wang Yi, less than a month after the top U.S. diplomat paid a rare visit to Beijing. He told Mr. Wang that Washington would hold hackers "accountable" after a breach of U.S. government email accounts was blamed on Chinese state-backed actors, a US official said.

While the U.S. has sought to increase communication with China, Mr. Blinken shunned Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov.

Putin says Prigozhin refused to cede command of Wagner

Agence France-Presse
MOSCOW

Russian President Vladimir Putin said Wagner chief Yevgeny Prigozhin refused to let his fighters serve under someone else's command, which could have settled the fate of the group.

Three weeks after Mr. Prigozhin launched a short-lived rebellion against Russia's top military brass, the future and whereabouts of Wagner members remain uncertain.

The Kremlin had confirmed but gave few details about a meeting between Mr. Putin, Mr. Prigozhin and other Wagner commanders on June 29, five days after the mutiny.

In an interview to Kommersant published on Thursday evening, Mr. Putin said he had offered a way forward for Wagner fighters.

"(The fighters) could all

Yevgeny Prigozhin

gather in one place and continue to serve," Mr. Putin told Kommersant.

They would come under the authority of a commander nicknamed "Sedoy", according to the daily newspaper.

"Nothing would have changed for them, they would have been led by the same person who was their real commander all this time," Mr. Putin was cited as saying.

The Russian leader said that "many nodded" but that Mr. Prigozhin ultimately refused the offer.

Wagner had operated in the shadows for years. It came into the spotlight during the military operation in Ukraine, despite the fact that private military companies are illegal in Russia. "The (Wagner) group is here, but it does not exist legally!" Mr. Putin told Kommersant.

Legal status

Meanwhile, the Kremlin said on Friday that Russia could grant legal status to private military groups, in what would be a U-turn prompted by the fallout of the Wagner group's short-lived insurrection last month.

"This issue will be considered," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters, describing a move that would give Russian authorities greater direct control over ostensibly private fighters.

Mr. Peskov said that Vladimir Putin had made the point in the interview.

Hollywood's striking actors, writers to join picket lines in first dual strike since 1960s

Reuters
LOS ANGELES

Striking Hollywood actors were due to join film and television writers on picket lines on Friday, the first day of a dual work stoppage that has forced U.S. productions to shutter as workers battle over pay in the streaming TV era.

The twin strikes will add to the economic damage from the writers walkout that started on May 2, delivering another blow to the multi-billion-dollar industry as it struggles with changes to its business.

Hollywood has not faced two simultaneous strikes since 1960.

Both SAG-AFTRA - Hollywood's largest union, representing 160,000 film and television actors - and the Writers Guild of America (WGA) are demanding increases in base pay and residuals, or fees paid from streaming television, plus assurances that their work will not be replaced by artificial intelligence (AI).

The actors' union said its board had unanimously agreed to a strike after failing to reach a deal with studios, including Walt Disney Co and Netflix Inc. Officials said actors would join picket lines in New York and Los Angeles.

In a bid to weed out 'Western ideas', Russian MPs approve Bill banning gender reassignment

Agence France-Presse
MOSCOW

Russian lawmakers in the lower house of Parliament on Friday voted overwhelmingly in favour of new legislation that would make gender reassignment illegal, further cementing an ultra-conservative, anti-Western drive in society.

"The State Duma banned gender reassignment in Russia," the lower house said in a statement, adding that all factions had voted to introduce the new laws "unanimously".

"This decision will protect our citizens and our children," Chairman of the State Duma Vyacheslav Volodin said. He pointed to what he described as a growing trend of gender reassignment in the U.S., and claimed this was leading to the "degeneration" of the country.

The new legislation forbids transition surgery, with the exception of children with congenital disorders, and bars people changing their gender in government-issued documents.

It must first be approved by the upper house of parliament and President Vladimir Putin before entering into force, steps seen as formalities.

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The last date for receipt of the application form is fixed for **01.08.2023 at 05.00 p.m**. The shortlisted candidates only will be called for an interview.

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Nit No 2023-24/05/01-03

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Corrigendum-1

Bid submission date is extended up to 18:00 Hrs IST 26.07.2023 (date) for NIBs **ERCPCL/09/2023-24, ERCPCL/10/2023-24, ERCPCL/11/2023-24,** for the work for **"Construction of Ramgarh Barrage, Mahalpur Barrage, Navnera-Galwa- -Bisalpur-Isarda Link project"** in different packages (NGBI Link Package 1,NGBI Link Package 2 & NGBI Link Package 3) invited on EPC single responsibility and Hybrid Annuity Model. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal **http://sppp.raj.nic.in** & **www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** & **www.water.rajasthan.gov.in/wr** of the state.
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Dated: 13-07-2023 PROF. A RAMA MURTHY REGISTRAR I/C

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Corrigendum of **e-NIT No.: KMC/DG(TNP)/41/2022-2023, Tender ID No. 2023_KMC_499651_1 of TP&DD/TNP Department.** Published in this Newspaper on **26.06.2023 (Key No. 328/23-24).** Last date of time of submission of bid (online) will be **10.08.2023 upto 1 p.m.** instead of 12.07.2023 upto 1 p.m. and Bid opening date and time of technical proposal (online) will be **12.08.2023 at 1 p.m.** instead of 14.07.2023 at 1 p.m.
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3	2023_KMML_585376_1	For the supply of Class 1 Acid Resistant Brick for Digesters
4	2023_KMML_587027_1	For procurement of inconnel plate, pre-fabrication, supply and erection of top dome and bottom conical portion of pigment separator s 301 B
5	2023_KMML_584929_1	For the supply of PTFE Lined Plug Valves (40 nos) and Teflon Sleeved Plug Valves (18 nos)
6	2023_KMML_587419_1	For supply of Safety Shoes Leather-Brown for DCW Employees for the year 2023
7	2023_KMML_587516_1	Tender for Stack Gas and Ambient Air Monitoring

Chavara 13.07.2023 Sd/- Managing Director for The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, RWS&S DIVISION, BALASORE
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1st Corrigendum

The Tender invited vide this office TCN No.14/2022-23 dt.07.07.2023 for 02 Nos of works for which the critical dates on availability of bids, date of clarification, pre-bid meeting and opening of bids are extended as follows due to not activation of DSC. All other terms and conditions are unaltered.

1. Availability of bids : From 10.00 hrs of dt.19.07.2023 to 17.00 hrs dt.02.08.2023
2. Clarification : From 10.00 hrs of dt.24.07.2023 to 15.00 hrs dt.31.07.2023
3. Pre-bid meeting : Dt.24.07.2023 AT 11.00 hrs in the O/o SE RWSS Division, Balasore
4. Opening of bids : dt.03.08.2023 at 11.00 hrs in the O/o SE RWSS Division, Balasore

Superintending Engineer, RWS&S Division, Balasore.
O-376: OIPR-25013/11/0010/2324

INBRIEF

BMW Group unveils X5 'sport activity vehicle' at ₹94 lakh

BMW Group announced the unveiling of the X5 luxury 'sport activity vehicle' in India at an ex-showroom price of ₹93,90,000. The top-end model of the BMW X5 xDrive M Sport is priced at ₹1,06,90,000. Manufactured at BMW's plant in Chennai, the car will be available in both petrol and diesel variants at BMW India dealerships. "The most powerful car in this segment, the new BMW X5 is distinctive and imposing," said Vikram Pawah, president, BMW Group India.

Federal Bank Q1 net profit grows 42% to ₹853.74 crore

Federal Bank reported 42.1% growth in net profit at ₹853.74 crore for the first quarter ended June 30 from the year-earlier period. During the quarter, the bank's total income grew 41% to ₹5,756.94 crore year-on-year. Net interest income grew 19.6% to ₹1,918.59 crore. Total business grew 21.2% YoY to ₹4,05,982.91 crore. While total deposits grew 21.4% to ₹2,22,495.50 crore, net advances reached ₹1,83,487.41 crore as on June 30, an increase of 21%, the lender said.

Granules' copy of Advil Dual Action drug gets U.S. FDA nod

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (U.S. FDA) has approved the abbreviated new drug application filed by drugmaker Granules India's subsidiary Granules Pharmaceuticals Inc. for Acetaminophen and Ibuprofen Tablets, 250 mg/125 mg (OTC). The product is bioequivalent to the reference listed drug Advil Dual Action with Acetaminophen tablets, 250mg/125 mg (OTC) of GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare Holdings (US) LLC.

Goods exports slide 22% to 8-month low

June merchandise exports fall to $32.97 billion, imports dip by 17.5% to $53.1 billion even as gold imports resurge; Trade deficit narrows by 8.8%

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Goods exports shrank 22% year-on-year in June to hit an eight-month low of $32.97 billion, while imports declined by 17.5% to $53.1 billion, Commerce Ministry data show.

June marked the seventh month in nine that India's merchandise exports slid, but the dip in outbound shipments was the sharpest in this period.

The goods trade deficit narrowed 8.8% from levels seen in June 2022 as well as May, to $20.13 billion. This was the second month in a row that the deficit exceeded $20 billion after a four-month streak of smaller shortfalls. Economists are, however, not too worried about the scale of the deficit yet, relative to last year's higher gaps.

After a 6.7% rise in 2022-23 that lifted goods exports past a record $450 billion, outbound shipments tanked 15.1% in the first quarter (Q1) of 2023-24, to a little more than $102 billion, while imports over the same period dropped 12.7% to $160.3 billion.

"The trade deficit in Q1 was lower at $57.6 billion versus $62.6 billion last year," said Bank of Baroda economist Aditi Gupta. "This trend is likely to continue this year, with exports facing increasing headwinds from a weak world economy, while lower commodity prices may provide some relief," added Ms. Gupta.

Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal emphasised that the fall in exports appeared steep partly due to the strong base from last June, when India recorded its highest monthly shipments of $42.3 billion.

The broader declining trend, he stressed, was driven by slower demand for Indian goods from large markets like the U.S. and Europe, where growth was slowing down and interest rate increases to curb inflation were further denting business levels.

'Inventories dwindling'

"There was also an inventory build-up last year to cope with supply-chain disruptions. Now, export promotion councils are reporting those inventories are gradually winding down, and orders are starting to pick up again from July, and we hope that translates into good news for exporters," he said, stressing the government was doing whatever it could to spur trade growth.

Mr. Barthwal noted that the decline in goods imports was driven by lower commodity prices as well as some cooling in domestic demand.

"In absolute terms, petroleum products accounted for half the fall in exports this June," noted Aditi Nayar, chief economist at ICRA. Just nine of India's top 30 major export as well as import items recorded positive growth.

"Non-oil, non-gold imports fell by a sharp 14.5%, after rising 1.7% in May," Barclays analysts Rahul Bajoria, Shreya Sodhani and Amruta Ghare wrote in a note. "Gold imports rose 82.4%, despite a fall in international prices. In a departure from the trend of the past few months, imports of industrial goods were in the red after relatively resilient growth earlier," they added, arguing the trade deficit was at a "manageable level".

Dipping exports

India's exports have declined over many months now due to slower demand from the U.S. and Europe

■ June marked the seventh time in nine months that India's merchandise exports have declined

■ Growth slowdown and interest rate increases to curb inflation have dented demand in key markets in the West

■ But lower commodity prices have helped cut the import bill and keep the trade deficit in check

WPI remains in deflationary territory for a third month

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India's wholesale prices remained in deflationary territory for the third straight month in June, with the pace of price contraction quickening to -4.12%, from May's -3.48%.

The sharpest contraction in headline wholesale prices in about eight years, was largely due to the base effect as inflation based on the wholesale price index was 16.2% in June 2022. A fall in some commodity prices also contributed.

Some food items such as milk, cereals, pulses and

wheat, reported inflation in the range of 8%-9%. Vegetables, which posted 22% deflation year-on-year, however, saw prices surge 13.2% month-on-month.

Sequentially, wholesale food prices rose by 1.4%.

TCS, other IT stocks lead Sensex past 66,000 to new peak

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Led by gains in IT stocks, the benchmark equity indices scaled new highs on Friday with the S&P BSE Sensex crossing the 66,000 mark and the NSE Nifty-50 index surging past 19,560 at close.

The BSE Sensex gained 502 points, or 0.77%, to close at 66,060.90. Gains were led by Tata Consultancy Services (5.13%), Tech Mahindra (4.5%), Infosys (4.4%), HCL Tech (3.8%) and Wipro (2.69%).

"IT pack was the highlight, followed by metals and realty pack," said Ajit Mishra, Senior Vice President, Technical Research, Religare Broking. "The broader indices were also in sync and gained in the range of 1.2% to 1.5%.

"It is a firm close but we need sustainability above 19,550 in Nifty for continuation of the up move," Mr. Mishra observed. "The prevailing buoyancy in global markets combined with rotational buying across sectors is favouring the same. We thus reiterate our positive view and suggest focusing on identifying quality stocks across sectors," he added.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	66,061	0.77
US Dollar	82.17	-0.10
Gold	60,000	-0.16
Brent oil	80.24	0.01

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2376.10	14.05
Adani Ports	726.10	8.90
Apollo Hosp	5171.80	-10.20
Asian Paints	3429.75	31.20
Axis Bank	957.05	-3.10
Bajaj Auto	4859.60	-6.85
Bajaj Finserv	1614.20	-0.90
Bajaj Finance	7482.35	7.75
Bharti Airtel	886.50	1.45
BPCL	379.55	0.00
Britannia Ind	5133.20	42.85
Cipla	1030.90	10.20
Coal India	231.05	1.15
Divis Lab	3677.20	56.30
Dr Reddys Lab	5092.05	-50.40
Eicher Motors	3347.10	89.95
Grasim Ind	1753.20	-6.60
HCL Tech	1150.95	42.15
HDFC Bank	1644.50	3.40
HDFC Life	670.05	-10.55
Hero MotoCorp	3136.30	63.20
Hindalco	446.95	11.75
Hind Unilever	2676.90	22.20
ICICI Bank	960.05	4.35
IndusInd Bank	1377.00	0.70
Infosys	1425.95	60.85
ITC	472.90	0.90
JSW Steel	804.85	2.70
Kotak Bank	1869.00	-0.70
L&T	2472.25	22.10
LTIMindtree Ltd.	5093.10	199.80
M&M	1546.55	-20.35
Maruti Suzuki	9603.65	-43.90
NestleIndia	23138.05	317.30
NTPC	187.45	-0.45
ONGC	169.25	1.45
PowerGrid Corp	240.05	-3.05
Reliance Ind	2740.70	-2.30
SBI Life	1320.30	6.35
State Bank	584.40	-1.25
Sun Pharma	1072.95	-2.70
TataConsumerProduct	851.50	14.15
Tata Motors	624.90	4.25
Tata Steel	117.15	2.30
TCS	3514.65	174.10
Tech Mahindra	1228.65	53.40
Titan	3055.55	-29.20
UltraTech Cement	8182.55	-51.45
UPL	639.55	8.55
Wipro	405.05	10.75

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on July 14

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	81.97	82.29
Euro	91.99	92.35
British Pound	107.46	107.89
Japanese Yen (100)	59.17	59.41
Chinese Yuan	11.48	11.53
Swiss Franc	95.41	95.80
Singapore Dollar	62.09	62.34
Canadian Dollar	62.51	62.76
Malaysian Ringitt	18.10	18.18
Australian Dollar	56.32	56.55

Source:Indian Bank

PSU banks wary after SBI's dismal AT-1 bond issue

Anshika Kayastha
MUMBAI

The underwhelming subscription to State Bank of India's additional tier-1 (AT-1) bond issue on Thursday has dampened market sentiment and is expected to make fundraising harder for other PSU banks, possibly even leading to delays in certain cases.

On Thursday, SBI raised ₹3,101 crore against an issue size of ₹10,000 crore. The bonds had a base issue of ₹3,000 crore and drew bids worth ₹5,920 crore.

"This has definitely dampened investor sentiment," said Venkatakrishnan Srinivasan, founder of Rockfort Fincap. "Investors are feeling they have not got the real value or coupon for the AT-1

bonds," he added.

SBI raised the funds at 8.1%, 91 basis points higher than the yield on the 10-year benchmark G-sec, and against bids received in the range of 7.90-8.42%.

"AT-1 instruments are loss-absorbing, so it is possible investors expect a higher return against that risk," said Saswata Guha, Senior Director-Financial Institutions, Fitch Ratings India. "The probability of losses being imposed on state banks' AT-1 is low, but it is still a risk nonetheless, should such a situation arise."

Other PSU banks such as Punjab National Bank, Canara Bank, and Bank of Baroda might now "wait and watch" to assess if the market will pick up, look to offer higher rates, or delay fund raising by a few weeks or months.

Market participants opine that at least a 15-20 bps premium over the current rates would help AT-1 bonds be appropriately priced to tap market appetite in the current market environment, which is already seeing some overcrowding in the long-tenure space, leading to a pricing mismatch.

(The writer is with The Hindu businessline)

Chemplast Sanmar unit to make active ingredient

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Chemplast Sanmar Ltd.'s custom manufactured chemicals division (CMCD) is planning to start manufacturing of an active ingredient from its Berigai facility near Hosur soon.

"This is the first time we are getting involved in the manufacture of an active ingredient, hence this is an important milestone for us," deputy MD Krishna Kumar Rangachari said.

A global agrochemical innovator had selected Chemplast Sanmar to manufacture a new active ingredient and the latter signed an LoI for a period of five years, the specialty chemicals maker said.

FinMin asked to consider imposing customs duty on Chinese stainless steel

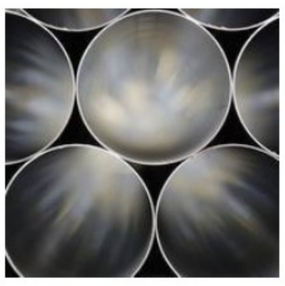
Abhishek Law
NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Steel has written to the Finance Ministry asking it to look at the possibility of levying customs duty on Chinese stainless steel shipments coming into India.

Such a duty will benefit the domestic stainless steel industry which has been badly hit by such imports and is "facing low capacity utilisation".

The import of stainless steel from China increased from about 20% to about 60% of overall imports into the country.

In a letter to the Revenue Secretary written last month, a copy of which is with *businessline*, a Steel



Ministry official wrote, "This Ministry is of the view that imposition of CD (customs duty) on imports from China will be beneficial and will support the domestic stainless steel industry which is facing the problem of low capacity utilisation due to the surge in the imports. In view of the above, it is requested that the recommendations of the DGTR may be examined for suitable action."

The Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) had, in the sunset clause review, recommended the continuation of customs duty on stainless steel imports from China in April.

Industry hit

In Budget 2022-23, countervailing duties on imports of certain hot-rolled and cold-rolled stainless steel flat products originating from China were revoked.

The Steel Ministry in its office memorandum acknowledged the representation from various trade bodies and noted that a surge was observed in the import of stainless steel flat products from China.

A year before the customs duty on stainless steel imports from China was revoked, that is in 2020-21, stainless steel imports from China were 1,57,000 tonnes, which increased by more than 300% to 6,32,000 tonnes in 2022-23.

"This has adversely impacted the domestic stainless steel industry," it said. As per findings of an investigation carried out by DGTR, Chinese imports into India shot up 44% (on an annualised basis) after suspension of CVD since February 2021.

It stood at 49% (on an annualised basis) for a 9-month period in 2022.

(The writer is with The Hindu businessline)

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM DIVISION - ELECTRICAL/WORKS
The Divisional Railway Manager/Electrical-Genl /Trivandrum Division for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tender. On-line bids only will be accepted.

S. No	Tender Notice No. / Name of work	Value (₹)	EMD	Date of opening
1	**Tender No: V-EG-OT-07-2023-24** - Trivandrum Division: Outsourcing of manning and A-check activities of diesel engines of 500 KVA DG sets available in power cars of Train No. 12617/12618 ERS-NZM-ERS daily Express for a period of two years.	9252020/-	185100/-	19.07.2023
2	**Tender No: V-EG-OT-08-2023-24** - Trivandrum Division: Manning and A-check activities of Diesel Engines of 500 KVA DG sets available in power cars of Train No. 12641/12642 CAPE-NIZAMUDIN-CAPE bi-weekly superfast express for a period of two years	2661776/-	53300/-	21.07 2023
3	**Tender No: V-EG-OT-09-2023-24** - Trivandrum Division: Manning and A-check activities of Diesel Engines of 500 KVA DG sets available in power cars of Train No. 16301/16302 TVC-SRR-TVC Express for a period of two years	1868098/-	37400/-	21.07.2023
4	**Tender No: V-EG-OT-11-2023-2024** - Trivandrum Division: Outsourcing the duty of AC coach accompanying staff in Train No. 12617/12618 ERS-NZM-ERS daily express of Thiruvananthapuram division for a perica of two years	12062520/-	210300/-	02.08.2023
5	**Tender No: V-EG-OT-12-2023-2024** - Trivandrum Division: Outsourcing of operation, escorting, trouble shooting and A-check activities of 500 KVA DG sets available in power cars of Train No. 12625/12626 TVC-NDLS maintained at KCVL Coaching Depot of TVC division for a period of two years	9231580/-	184600/-	04.08.2023

Detailed NIT, bidding document etc can be viewed/down-loaded from website portal **www.ireps.gov.in** EMD shall be made on-line gateway mode only. Addendum/ Corrigendum, time extension, Clarification etc if any will be uploaded in website only. Bidders should regularly visit website to keep themselves updated.
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CITY CORPORATION BELAGAVI
No/CCB/PWD/EE/SWM/TND/E-proc-02/2023-24 Dated:12-07-2023
TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-PROCUREMENT)
The Commissioner, City Corporation Belagavi invites tenders in accordance with KTPP Act 1999 Rules 2000 through E-procurement for the works of Construction of PEB Shed & Fire Fighting Sysetem approved under the Swatch Bhart Mission. The last date for the submission of tender is 14-08-2023. For more details visit online website (https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in). Any Addendum/ Corrigendum will be published in e-procurement portal only.
Sd/-Commissioner, City Corporation Belagavi
DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-174/KSMCA/2023-24

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer,
(MPED - Central) Annex-2 Building, Ground Floor,
N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560 002
No:EE(MPED-C)/TEND/01/2023-24 Date: 14.07.2023
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover System)
The tenders are invited from eligible tenderers to provide Shamiyana, Stage, Sound System, Lightings, Elaichi Garland, Shawls, Dry Fruits, Mementos and Allied Facilities for the the celebration of NADAPRABHU KEMPEGOWDA DAY for the year 2023 on 28.07.2023 which is organized in the premises of Head Office at Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike . The tenderers may participate in the tenders under KTPP Act 1999 & rule 2000 through public procurement portal of Karnataka (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)
Annexure-1

Name of the Works	Amount put to Tender (in ₹)	EMD Amount (in ₹)
Providing, Fixing and Removal, arrangements for Stage, Shamiyana and Other Allied Works for Nadaprabhu Kempegowda day on 28.07.2023 in Glass House HO Premises.	**59,94,893/- (incl. of all Taxes)**	**1,20,000/-**

Annexure-2
Calendar of Events of E-Tender
1) The applications may be applied through Public Procurement portal of Karnataka from 14.07.2023 at 10:00 am onwards. 2) Last date for Filled Tender through Public Procurement portal of Karnataka is 20.07.2023 upto 5:30 pm. 3) Technical bids will be opened on 21.07.2023 at 5:30 pm. The financial bids will be opened if technical bid is successful and the bids will be rejected if fails in the technical bid. 4) The Financial bids will be opened on 21.07.2023 after 5:31 pm.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, (MPED-Central)

CHAMARAJANAGAR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES
Sy. No 124, Yadapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Chamarajanagar - 571313
No: CIMS/Tender/01/02/03/04/2023-24 Date: 07-07-2023
E-TENDER NOTIFICATION
The Director & Dean, Chamarajanagar Institute of Medical Sciences, Chamarajanagar invite the tenders from eligible tenderers in TWO cover system through e-procurement for having.
1. Tender for outsourcing of Staff Nurse manpower services to CIMS, Chamarajanagar (CIMS/Tender/Outsource/01/2023-24), Tender Value Rs. 194.80 lakhs, EMD Amount Rs. 2,92,201/-. Date and time for uploading the tender is from 11-07-2023 at 10.00AM to 11-08-2023 up to 5.30PM;
2. Tender for outsourcing of Technician and Non-teaching staff manpower services to CIMS, Chamarajanagar (CIMS/Tender/Outsource/02/2023-24), Tender Value Rs. 342.51 lakhs, EMD Amount Rs. 5,13,766/-. Date and time for uploading the tender is from 11-07-2023 at 10.00AM to 11-08-2023 up to 5.30PM;
3. Tender for outsourcing of Group D and Driver manpower services to CIMS, Chamarajanagar (CIMS/Tender/Outsource/03/2023-24), Tender Value Rs. 335.96 lakhs, EMD Amount Rs. 5,03,941/-. Date and time for uploading the tender is from 11-07-2023 at 10.00AM to 11-08-2023 up to 5.30PM; and
4. Tender for outsourcing of Security manpower services to CIMS, Chamarajanagar (CIMS/Tender/Outsource/04/2023-24), Tender Value Rs. 139.26 lakhs, EMD Amount Rs. 2,08,892/-. Date and time for uploading the tender is from 11-07-2023 at 10.00AM to 11-08-2023 up to 5.30PM;
Any more details can be obtained from the website: www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in w.e.f. 11-07-2023 or at office in all working days from 10.00AM to 5.00PM.
Sd/- Director and Dean, Chamarajanagar Institute of Medical Sciences Chamarajanagar
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PERSEVERANCE

Playing a shot 300 times a day and 100m power-hitting: Jaiswal way

Playing a single shot 300 times a day, working with a baseball coach to perfect the power game and painful blisters on his palms after continuous hours of range-hitting: all this went into the making of Yashasvi Jaiswal, according to Zubin Bharucha, Rajasthan Royals' High Performance Director and former Mumbai batter.

AT THE HELM

Ruturaj to lead India men's cricket team at the 19th Asian Games

Ruturaj Gaikwad will lead India in the Hangzhou Asian Games. **The squad:** Ruturaj (Capt.), Jaiswal, Tripathi, Tilak, Rinku, Jitesh (wk), Washington Sundar, Shahbaz Ahmed, Bishnoi, Avesh, Arshdeep, Mukesh, Mavi, Dube, Prabhsimran (wk); **Standbyes:** Yash Thakur, Sai Kishore, Venkatesh Iyer, Deepak Hooda, Sai Sudarsan.

IN CHARGE

Harmanpreet to lead India women at Hangzhou Asian Games

Harmanpreet will lead the Indian women at the 19th Asian Games. **The squad:** Harmanpreet (Capt.), Smriti (vice-capt.), Shafali, Jemimah, Deepti, Richa (wk), Amanjot, Devika, Anjali, Titas Sadhu, Rajeshwari, Minnu, Kanika, Uma (wk), Anusha; **Standbyes:** Harleen, Kashvee, Sneh Rana, Saika and Pooja.

HANGING ON

Kwiatkowski wins Stage 13, Vingegaard keeps narrow lead

Ineos Grenadiers' Michal Kwiatkowski won Stage 13 of the Tour De France on the Grand Colombier mountain even as Jonas Vingegaard held on to the overall lead on Friday. Though Vinegaard finished four seconds behind former champion Tadej Pogacar, who also picked up a bonus, the Dane still has a 9sec advantage.

Jaiswal, Kohli give India handsome lead

The former becomes the third Indian to score 150 on debut; resuming at 312 for two on the third day, the visitors declare on 421 for five

INDIA IN WEST INDIES

Press Trust of India
ROSEAU (DOMINICA)

India declared its first innings at 421 for five against the West Indies in the second session of the third day of the opening Test here on Friday. The Indians secured a first innings lead of 271 runs. West Indies lost both the openers – skipper Kraigg Brathwaite and Tagenarine Chanderpaul for seven runs each – as the team reached 27 for two at tea.

India resumed the day on 312 for two with overnight centurion Yashasvi Jaiswal and Virat Kohli in the middle. Debutant Jaiswal finally got out for 171 off 387 balls, while Kohli was dismissed for 76 runs. Ravindra Jadeja was looking solid on 37 off 82 balls when the declaration came.

Earlier, Jaiswal became only the third Indian to score 150 on debut as the visitors reached 400 for four at lunch.

Kohli got a life when he was on dropped on 40 by West Indies Brathwaite.

He became the third Indian to reach 150 on debut with a single, matching the feats of Shikhar Dhawan (187) and Rohit Sharma (177).

Soon after he edged one that angled away from Alzarri Joseph.

Rahane was dismissed by Kemar Roach for 3.

Making a splash: Jaiswal proved his mettle with a big century. AFP

SCOREBOARD

WEST INDIES — 1ST INNINGS
150 in 64.3 overs.

INDIA — 1ST INNINGS
Yashasvi Jaiswal c Joshua b Joseph 171 *(387b, 16x4, 1x6)*, Rohit Sharma c Joshua b Athanaze 103 *(221b, 10x4, 2x6)*, Shubman Gill c Athanaze b Warrican 6 *(11b, 1x4)*, Virat Kohli c Athanaze b Cornwall 76 *(182b, 5x4)*, Ajinkya Rahane c Blackwood b Roach 3 *(11b)*, Ravindra Jadeja (not out) 37 *(82b, 3x4, 1x6)*, Ishan Kishan (not out) 1 *(20b)*; Extras (b-8, lb-11, w-5): 24; Total (for five wkts. decl. in 152.2 overs): 421.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-229 (Rohit, 75.4 overs), 2-240 (Gill, 78.5), 3-350 (Jaiswal, 125.6), 4-356 (Rahane, 129.1), 5-405 (Kohli, 145.2).

WEST INDIES BOWLING
Roach 24-6-50-1, Joseph 18.2-2-80-1, Cornwall 16-5-32-1, Warrican 45-4-106-1, Holder 18-5-40-0, Brathwaite 9-0-21-0, Athanaze 16-2-53-1, Reifer 4-0-16-0, Blackwood 2-0-4-0.

WEST INDIES — 2ND INNINGS
Kraigg Brathwaite c Rahane b Ashwin 7 *(47b)*, Tagenarine Chanderpaul lbw b Jadeja 7 *(28b, 1x4)*, Raymon Reifer (batting) 7 *(36b, 1x4)*, Jermaine Blackwood (batting) 4 *(3b)*; Extras (b-2): 2; Total (for two wkts. in 19 overs **at tea**): 27.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-8 (Tagenarine, 9.4), 2-22 (Brathwaite, 16.5).

INDIA BOWLING
Siraj 2-1-2-0, Unadkat 2-1-1-0, Ashwin 8-4-14-1, Jadeja 7-3-8-1.

SNAPSHOTS

India's tour of SA: dates announced

India will travel to South Africa in December this year for an all-format tour that includes three T20Is, three ODIs and two Tests.

The schedule: T20Is: Dec. 10 (Durban), Dec. 12 (Gqeberha) and Dec. 14 (Johannesburg).

ODIs: Dec. 17 (Johannesburg), Dec. 19 (Gqeberha) and Dec. 21 (Paarl).

Tests: Dec. 26-30 (Centurion) and Jan. 3-7, 2024 (Cape Town).

BCCI to get maximum share in 2024-2027

The BCCI reaffirmed its status as the financial powerhouse of world cricket as the International Cricket Council (ICC) unanimously passed the revenue distribution model in Durban on Thursday.

In the new distribution model, the BCCI is expected to earn $230 million, approximately 38.4%, from the $600 million pot for the next four years.

Langer appointed head coach of Super Giants

Lucknow Super Giants have appointed former Australian opener Justin Langer as its head coach, replacing Andy Flower, the IPL franchise announced on Friday.

Gritty Hridoy takes Bangladesh home

Towhid Hridoy guided Bangladesh to a thrilling two-wicket win over Afghanistan in the opening T20I in Sylhet on Friday.

The scores: Afghanistan 154/7 in 20 overs (Mohd. Nabi 54 n.o., Azmatullah Omarzai 33; Shakib Al Hasan 2/27) lost to Bangladesh 157/8 in 19.5 overs (Towhid Hridoy 47 n.o., Shamim Hossain 33, Karim Janat 3/15).

Manav propels Mumba past Smashers

Manav Thakkar powered U Mumba to a 10-5 win over Bengaluru Smashers in the Ultimate Table Tennis in Pune on Friday.

The 23-year-old teamed up with USA's Lily Zhang to turn the tables on Benglauru Smashers in the mixed doubles contest, beating the pair of Manika Batra and Kirill Gerassimenko 11-10, 10-11, 11-6. Manav also showcased his class in the men's singles contest against Sanil Shetty.

The results: U Mumba bt Bengaluru Smashers 10-5
(Quadri Aruna lost to Kirill Gerassimenko 3-11, 11-9, 8-11; Diya Chitale lost to Manika Batra 10-11, 11-7, 6-11; Manav Thakkar/Lily Zhang bt Kirill/Manika 11-10, 10-11, 11-6; Manav bt Sanil Shetty 11-8, 11-3, 11-7; Zhang bt Natalia Bajor 11-6, 11-5, 11-4).

Momentum shift: Zhang and Manav's win over Kirill and Manika swung the match U Mumba's way. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Toor keeps gold, Parul wins maiden Asian title

ASIAN ATHLETICS

Sports Bureau

As he completed his second throw at the 25th Asian Athletics Championships in Bangkok on Friday, Tajinderpal Singh Toor felt the old groin pain returning to haunt him.

Toor could manage just two throws but, fortunately, his second effort (20.23m) was good enough to help him retain his gold.

India won another gold, through Parul Chaudhary who played a patient waiting game in the women's 3000m steeple chase while young long jumper Shaili Singh brought a silver from her first outing at a major outdoor championship.

Parul shadowed Japan's Chikako Mori and Reimi Yoshimura for a major part of the race and gained the lead with about 600m to the finish. She extended the lead in the last lap and won by an impressive margin.

Meanwhile 19-year-old Shaili, the 2021 under-20 Worlds silver medallist, was in the lead midway through the long jump with her opening effort of 6.54m. But the seasoned Japanese Sumire Hata grabbed the lead and the gold with a 6.74 in her fourth round and then finished with a mighty 6.97m that bettered her personal best by 22cm in just about two months.

The results (medallists and Indian performances):
Men: 100m: 1. Hiroki Yanagita (Jpn) 10.02s, 2, Abdullah Abkar Mohammed (KSA) 10.19, 3. Hassan Taftian (IRI) 10.23.

The best in Asia: Toor took the shot put gold while Parul won the 3000m steeplechase. FILE PHOTOS: RITU RAJ KONWAR/K. MURALI KUMAR

110m hurdles: 1. Shunya Takayama (Jpn) 13.29s, 2. Xu Zhuoyi (Chn) 13.39, 3. Yaqoub Alyouha (Kuw) 13.56.
3000m steeple chase: 1. Ryoma Aoki (Jpn) 8:34.91s, 2. Yaser Salem Bagharab (Qat) 8:37.11, 3. Seiya Sunada (Jpn) 8:39.17, 4. Kishan Bal (Ind) 8:46.98, Nurhasan Mohammed (Indi) DNF.
Shot put: 1. Tajinderpal Singh Toor (Ind) 20.23m, 2. Mehdi Saberi (IRI) 19.98, 3. Ivan Ivanov (Kaz) 19.87.
Women: 100m: 1. Veronica Shanti Pereira (SGP) 11.20s, 2. Farzaneh Fasihi (IRI) 11.39, 3. Ge Manqi (Chn) 11.40.
3000m steeple chase: 1. Parul Chaudhary (Ind) 9:38.76s, 2. Xu Shuangshuang (Chn) 9:44.54, 3. Reimi Yoshimura (Jpn) 9:48.48, 4. Priti (Ind) 9:48.50.
Long jump: 1. Sumire Hata (Jpn) 6.97m MR, OR China's Yingnan Guan's 6.83 1998; 2. Shaili Singh (Ind) 6.54, Zhong Jiawei (Chn) 6.46, 4. Ancy Sojan (Ind) 6.41.

Shaili... leaping to silver.
FILE PHOTO: K. MURALI KUMAR

Djokovic proves too hot for Sinner, sets up blockbuster final with Alcaraz

WIMBLEDON

Associated Press
LONDON

Novak Djokovic closed in on a record-tying eighth title at Wimbledon, and a fifth in a row, by serving his way out of potential trouble repeatedly to beat Jannik Sinner 6-3, 6-4, 7-6(4) in the semifinals on Friday.

World No. 1 Carlos Alcaraz is convinced he can defeat Djokovic in Sunday's blockbuster final, insisting it's "no time to be afraid". Alcaraz, 20, became the youngest man to make the Wimbledon final since fellow Spaniard Rafael Nadal in 2006 as he swept aside Daniil Medvedev 6-3, 6-3, 6-3.

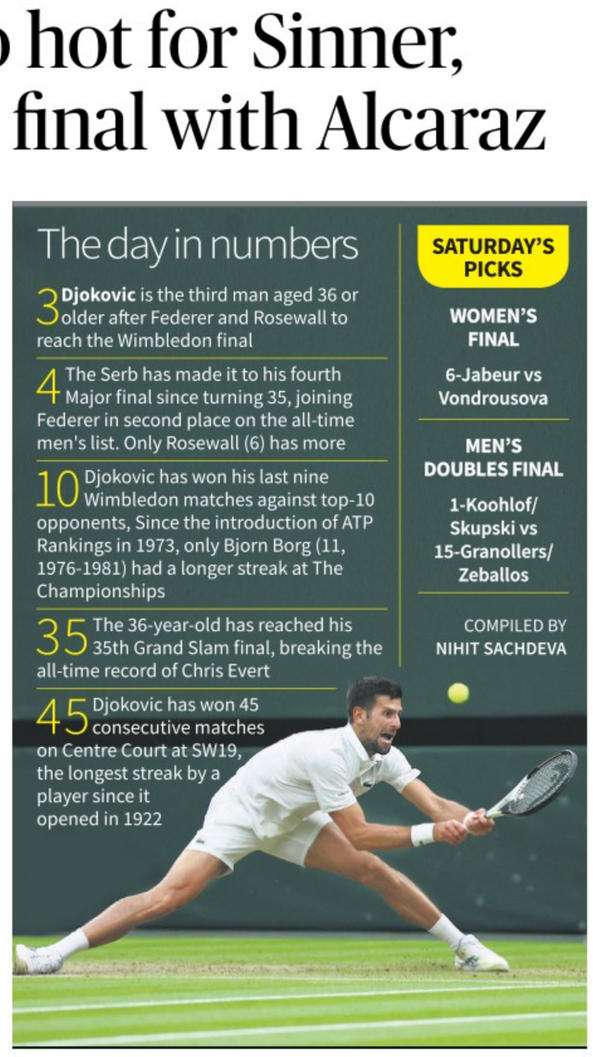
"I will believe I can beat him here," said Alcaraz. "Everyone knows the legend he is. He is going to be really difficult. I will fight. I will believe in myself."

Earlier in the day, Djokovic saved all six break points he faced – including a pair of set points for Sinner at 5-4 in the third – and reached his ninth final at the All England Club.

It will be his 35th Grand Slam final, more than any man or woman in tennis history.

He is seeking a 24th Major which would set the mark for the most in the Open era that began in 1968. Roger Federer is the only man to have won eight singles trophies at Wimbledon. Martina Navratilova won the women's crown nine times.

Italian eighth seed Sinner, 21, came close to a shock victory over Djokovic in the Wimbledon quarterfinals last year before the Serb came from two sets down to win. This time it was Djokovic who held sway right from the start.


The day in numbers
3 Djokovic is the third man aged 36 or older after Federer and Rosewall to reach the Wimbledon final
4 The Serb has made it to his fourth Major final since turning 35, joining Federer in second place on the all-time men's list. Only Rosewall (6) has more
10 Djokovic has won his last nine Wimbledon matches against top-10 opponents, Since the introduction of ATP Rankings in 1973, only Bjorn Borg (11, 1976-1981) had a longer streak at The Championships
35 The 36-year-old has reached his 35th Grand Slam final, breaking the all-time record of Chris Evert
45 Djokovic has won 45 consecutive matches on Centre Court at SW19, the longest streak by a player since it opened in 1922
SATURDAY'S PICKS
WOMEN'S FINAL
6-Jabeur vs Vondrousova
MEN'S DOUBLES FINAL
1-Koohlof/ Skupski vs 15-Granollers/ Zeballos
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South consolidates after taking the lead

DULEEP TROPHY FINAL

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

South Zone tightened its grip on West Zone on the third day of its Duleep Trophy final at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium on Friday.

Mayank Agarwal (35), Hanuma Vihari (42), Ricky Bhui (37) and Sachin Baby (28) took South to 181 in seven in the second innings, giving the side an overall lead of 248.

The morning session belonged to South pacer Vidwath Kaverappa, who claimed a First Class career-best haul of seven for 53. West could add only 17 to its overnight tally as Kaverappa cleaned up the three remaining wickets in quick time.

Mayank was scalped by left-arm pacer Arzan Nagwaswalla, but the opener did not go quietly. After pulling a short ball to leg gully, Mayank was convinced that Nagwaswalla had erred by banging in a third bouncer for the over.

The third umpire, Saidharshan Kumar, decided that it was a legal delivery. An annoyed Mayank marched to the match referee's cabin to protest.

Also, disaster was averted when Suryakumar Yadav collided with teammate Arpit Vasavada when taking an excellent catch to dismiss Sai Kishore. Vasavada was lucky to avoid serious injury as Suryakumar's knee narrowly missed the substitute fielder's head. Vasavada, treated by medical staff for a bleeding nose, left the field holding his wrist in pain.

Close shave: Vasavada escaped serious injury when he collided with Suryakumar when both went for a catch. K. MURALI KUMAR

The scores: South — 1st innings: 213.

West — 1st innings: Prithvi Shaw c Kaverappa b Vyshak 65, Priyank Panchal c Mayank b Koushik 11, Harvik Desai c Bhui b Kaverappa 21, Cheteshwar Pujara c Samarth b Kaverappa 9, Suryakumar Yadav c Vihari b Kaverappa 8, Sarfaraz Khan lbw b Kaverappa 0, Atit Sheth c Bhui b Kaverappa 12, Shams Mulani c Bhui b Vyshak 0, Dharmendrasinh Jadeja b Kaverappa 6, Chintan Gaja (not out) 4, Arzan Nagwaswalla c Bhui b Kaverappa 0; Extras (b-7, lb-3): 10; Total (in 51 overs): 146.

Fall of wickets: 1-27, 2-97, 3-101, 4-114, 5-116, 6-123, 7-124, 8-137, 9-146, 10-146.

South bowling: Sai Kishore 7-1-24-0, Kaverappa 19-5-53-7, Koushik 10-1-26-1, Vyshak 15-0-33-2.

South — 2nd innings: R. Samarth b Gaja 5, Mayank Agarwal c Suryakumar b Nagwaswalla 35, Tilak Varma b Nagwaswalla 3, Hanuma Vihari c Desai b Sheth 42, Ricky Bhui lbw b Jadeja 37, Sachin Baby b Sheth 28, Washington Sundar (batting) 10, Sai Kishore c Suryakumar b Jadeja 16, V. Vyshak (batting) 1; Extras (lb-2, w-2): 4; Total (for seven wkts. in 60 overs): 181.

Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-8, 3-72, 4-95, 5-154, 6-154, 7-179.

West bowling: Nagwaswalla 16-3-52-2, Gaja 15-2-40-1, Sheth 12-4-38-2, Mulani 5-1-22-0, Jadeja 12-3-27-2.

INBRIEF

Bogey-free Aditi lies fifth at Dana Open on LPGA

Aditi Ashok got off to a flying start with a bogey-free five-under 66 to lie tied-fifth after the first round of the Dana Open on the Ladies PGA Tour. Aditi was two shots behind Sweden's Linn Grant and Thailand's Jaravee Boonchant, who shot seven-under 64 each, while another Thai, Ariya Jutanugarn and Denmark's Emily Pedersen carded 65 each to be second.

Sachin sets new Asian record en route to gold

Sachin Sarjerao Khilari bagged India's eighth quota for next year's Paralympics after clinching the gold medal in men's shot put F46 event at the Para Athletics World Championships in Paris on Friday. It was double celebration for Sachin who also set a new Asian record with his best throw of 16.21m. USA's Joshua Cinnamo fell short of Sachin by just 0.21m and took home the silver, while South Africa's Kerwin Noemdo won the bronze with an effort of 15.30m.

Sindhu and Lakshya ease into US Open quarterfinals

P.V. Sindhu and Lakshya Sen progressed to the women's and men's singles quarterfinals of the US Open Super 300 badminton tournament here. Sindhu, seeded third, defeated Korea's Sung Shuo Yun 21-14, 21-12 while Lakshya beat Czech Republic's Jan Louda 21-8, 23-21. Sindhu will face China's Gao Fang Jie next, while Lakshya takes on S. Sankar Muthusamy, who beat Israel's Misha Zilberman 21-18, 21-23, 21-13.

LIVE TELECAST

Emerging Asia Cup: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD), Star Sports 3 & FanCode, 10 a.m.

Formula E: Rome GP (Qualifying), SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 2 p.m.

The Championships: Star Sports 2, SS Select 1 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 6 p.m. onwards

UTT: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7 p.m.

West Indies vs India: 1st Test, day 4, DD Sports, FanCode & Jio Cinema App, 7.30 p.m.

BWF: US Open, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 10.30 p.m. onwards

MLC: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 6 a.m. (Sunday)

Dhull's ton fashions India-A's thumping win over UAE-A

Harshit Rana's four-for sets the base as it helps dismiss the rival for a paltry total

EMERGING CUP

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Skipper Yash Dhull led from the front with a blazing unbeaten century after pacer Harshit Rana's heroics with the ball as India-A registered a commanding eight-wicket win over UAE-A in its opening match of the ACC Men's Emerging Cup here on Friday.

Right-arm fast bowler Rana (4/41) was right on the money after Dhull won the toss and elected to field. He was ably supported by pacer Nitish Kumar Reddy (2/32) and slow left-arm orthodox Manav Suthar (2/28) as India-A restricted UAE-A to a paltry 175 for 9 in its 50 overs.

The target was never going to pose any threat to the Indians and they completed the formalities in 26.3 overs, reaching 179 for the loss of two wickets.

Thrilled! Dhull celebrates after notching up a ton in quick time. TWITTER/ACCMEDIA1

Sent into bat in the Group B match, UAE-A never got going and found it difficult to accumulate runs against the Indians' incisive bowling.

Ashwanth Valthapa (46), opener Aryansh Sharma (38) and Mohammed Faraazuddin (35) were the only three significant contributors for the Arab side.

Chasing 176 to win, India-A lost both their openers -- Sai Sudharsan (8) and Abhishek Sharma (19) inside the sixth over with the scoreboard reading 41 but Dhull (108 not out) and Nikin Jose (41 not out) ensured an easy win, stitching unbeaten 138 runs for the third wicket.

Dhull's attacking knock was full of flair and timing as he scored his runs off just 84 balls, finding the boundary fence as many as 20 times and clearing it once. Jose, on the other hand, played the second fiddle and decorated his 53-ball innings with just five boundaries.

India-A will next play Nepal here on July 17 before taking on Pakistan 'A' on July 19 in the final group game.

The scores: UAE-A 175/9 in 50 overs (Aryansh Sharma 38, Mohammed Faraazuddin 35, Ashwanth Valthapa 46, Harshit Rana 4/41, Nitish Kumar Reddy 2/32, Manav Suthar 2/28) lost to India-A 179/2 in 26.3 overs (Yash Dhull 108 n.o., Nikin Jose 41 n.o.).
Toss: India-A. *India-A won by eight wickets with 23.3 overs to spare.*

Lazarus favoured for feature

BENGALURU: Lazarus, who has been well tuned, is expected to score in the R.R. Byramji Memorial Cup (1,400m), the feature event of the races to be held here on Saturday (July 15). False rails (width about 3m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 SQUANDERER CUP (1,400m), rated 00 to 25, 1-30 p.m.: 1. Master Of Courage (3) Chethan K 62, 2. Recreator (6) Vinod Shinde 62, 3. Serai (2) S. Saqlain 62, 4. Je Ne Sais Quoi (7) S. John 61.5, 5. Fair Counsel (8) Sai Kiran 60.5, 6. Raffles (1) T.S. Jodha 60.5, 7. Bellissimo (4) M. Naveen 59 and 8. Pettes Love (5) Shreyas S 56.5.
1. SERAI, 2. BELLISSIMO, 3. FAIR COUNSEL

2 DELHI CUP (1,600m), rated 20 to 45, 2-00: 1. August (1) S. John 60.5, 2. Big Red (3) Antony 60, 3. Original Sin (10) S. Saqlain 60, 4. Amazing Attraction (12) Yash 59, 5. Snowpiercer (2) Trevor 59, 6. Golden Peaks (7) Akshay K 58, 7. Cat Whiskers (11) Vishal Bunde 57, 8. Crown Witness (5) Kiran Naidu 55.5, 9. Tiger Shark (6) Zervan 54.5, 10. Quevega (4) Rajesh K 53.5, 11. Aferpi (9) P.P. Dhebe 53 and 12. Ultimate Ruler (8) J.H. Arul 53.
1. SNOWPIERCER, 2. ORIGINAL SIN, 3. AUGUST

3 INDIAN PATTERN COMMITTEE TROPHY (DIV. I), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 2-30: 1. Aralina (10) S. John 62, 2. Miracle Mary (5) S. Saqlain 60, 3. Sociable (8) Inayat 60, 4. Seminole Wind (7) Hindu S 59, 5. Planet Royale (9) Akshay K 58, 6. Capri Girl (1) Sai Kiran 57.5, 7. Breeze Bluster (4) Vinod Shinde 55.5, 8. Thewhisperquietly (2) P. Siddaraju 54, 9. Golden Starlet (6) Rajesh K 53.5 and 10. Solid Power (3) S. Saba 52.5.
1. ARALINA, 2. MIRACLE MARY, 3. BREEZE BLUSTER

4 MYSORE CUP (1,400m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 3-05: 1. Aldiva (4) Antony 56, 2. Art Gallery (5) J.H. Arul 56, 3. Decacorn (3) N.S. Parmar 56, 4. Felix (6) Shreyas S 56, 5. Striking Eyes (1) S. Saqlain 54.5 and 6. Wonder Woman (2) Akshay K 54.5.
1. WONDER WOMAN, 2. ALDIVA

5 CHENNAI CUP (1,600m), rated 60 to 85, 3-40: 1. Regency Smile (6) S. John 61.5, 2. Last Wish (4) Suraj 58, 3. Knight In Hooves (3) M. Prabhakaran 56.5, 4. Prince Abir (5) Shreyas S 56.5, 5. Santorino (2) Antony 55.5, 6. Place Vendome (7) Akshay K 52 and 7. Fortunate Son (1) P.P. Dhebe 51.
1. SANTORINO, 2. PLACE VENDOME, 3. LAST WISH

6 R.R. BYRAMJI MEMORIAL CUP (1,400m), 3-y-o, (Terms), 4-15: 1. Fast Pace (1) Zervan 57, 2. Alcaraz (2) Kiran Naidu 55.5, 3. Czar (3) Antony 55.5, 4. Galahad (7) Akshay K 55.5, 5. Golden Glow (4) S. Saqlain 55.5, 6. Lazarus (5) Trevor 55.5, 7. Mary's Boy Child (9) P. Sai Kumar 55.5, 8. Mazal Tov (10) C. Umesh 55.5, 9. Prana (11) G. Vivek 55.5, 10. Septimius Severus (8) Hasib Alam 55.5 and 11. Mystikos (6) Neeraj 54.
1. LAZARUS, 2. CZAR, 3. FAST PACE

7 KOLKATA CUP (1,400m), rated 40 to 65, 4-y-o & over, 4-50 : 1. Victoria Punch (7) Inayat 61.5, 2. English Bay (4) A. Imran 60, 3. Inyouwebelieve (10) Trevor 60, 4. Pink Jasmine (11) Shreyas S 60, 5. Cyrenius (8) Neeraj 57, 6. Crown Consort (1) Suraj 56, 7. Eridani (5) Akshay K 55.5, 8. Aherne (6) A. Ramu 54, 9. Own Legacy (9) Vishal Bunde 54, 10. Ultimate Striker (3) S. Saqlain 53.5 and 11. Honey Girl (2) B. Dharshan 53.
1. INYOUWEBELIEVE, 2. CROWN CONSORT, 3. VICTORIA PUNCH

8 INDIAN PATTERN COMMITTEE TROPHY (DIV. II), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 5-25: 1. Dynamic Force (7) Mudassar 60, 2. Blues Ballad (1) Salman Khan 59.5, 3. Chinky Pinky (2) T.S. Jodha 59.5, 4. Klimt (4) Neeraj 59.5, 5. Eco Friendly (6) M. Naveen 58, 6. Moving Ahead (3) Vinod Shinde 58, 7. Ice Storm (8) Rajesh K 57.5, 8. Mighty Swallow (9) Trevor 57.5 and 9. Double Vision (5) Shreyas S 54.5.
1. KLIMT, 2. MIGHTY SWALLOW, 3. DYNAMIC FORE
Day's best: **ARALINA**
Double: **WONDER WOMAN – KLIMT**
Jkt: 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8; Tr (i): 3, 4 and 5; (ii): 6, 7 and 8.

Several athletes snared in doping net

Y.B. Sarangi
KOLKATA

Several sportspersons, including the National inter-State women's 400m champion Anjali Devi, have failed dope tests and have been provisionally suspended.

Provisionally suspended athletes (prominent sports):
Athletics: Sujit Tikode, Ruhi Bhora, Ankit, Arathi R., Himani Chandel, Karanveer Singh, Kirpal Singh, Anjali Devi.

Para-athletics: Rahul, Ranjeet Bhati. **Judo:** Akshay, Anil, Hardeep Singh Brar, Mohsin Gulab Ali, Rahul Sevta.

Kabaddi: Rohit Singh Tomar, Durgesh Kumar; **Rowing:** Malak Singh; **Weightlifting:** Gursajan Singh, Erra Deexitha, Ashwani, Anjali Patel.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Rewarding success: Tvesa receiving the big prize from BGC captain D.N. Vasanth Kumar. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Tvesa Malik takes the honours

Tvesa Malik turned in a card of 3-under-64 in the final round to finish with 1-over-202 and claim the 11th Leg of the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour at the Bangalore Golf Club here on Friday. Durga Nittur (205) and Sneha Singh (207) finished second and third respectovely.

Dhruv and Advaith excel in Hammonds CC's massive win

Dhruv Santhosh (139 n.o.) and Advaith Karthik (81 & 5/17) starred for Hammonds CC as it thrashed Rajajinagar Colts by 248 runs in the KSCA (Group I) under-16 inter-club tournament.

The scores: Hammonds CC 349/5 in 50 overs (Ishaan Noel 26, Dhruv Santhosh Rao 139 n.o., Advaith Karthik 81, Bhuvan Roddam 54, Sohum Deshpande 3/52) bt Rajajinagar Colts CA 81 in 21 overs (Advaith Karthik 5/17) [Target revised to 329 from 47 overs because of rain].

Century Cricketers 136 in 38.4 overs (J. Sukruth 4/25) lost to Swastic Union CC (2) 140/3 in 32 overs (Talha Sheriff 54, M. Assad 46 n.o.).

Friends XI CC, Doddaballapura 215 in 41.4 overs (Aditya Singh 40, Nityansh Singh 31, P. Jatin Siddharth 3/42) lost to FUCC (2) 100/9 in 21.2 overs (Sujay Korawar 33, Samveg Jain 4/24) [By better run-rate after rain interrupted play].

Rajajinagar Cricketers 160 in 45.5 overs (S. Leshan 27, Eshan P. Baglody 64, Yuvaan Jain 3/22, Kush Kumar Jha 4/29) lost to Jupiter CA 97/2 in 25.4 overs (G.K. Saivarun 38, J.P. Ronel 33)[Target revised to 97 from 30 overs because of rain].

Dooravani Cricketers (1) 211/9 in 50 overs (M.P. Shashank 59, Aarush S. Shetty 41, Aditya Shahapurkar 32, K.A. Aayush 3/34) bt Vikram CC 100/7 in 30.3 overs (Aditya Shahapurkar 4/30) [By better run-rate after rain interrupted play].

Wilson Garden CC 140 in 32 overs (Arjun Kumar 3/8, Suhaan Bhandary 4/16) lost to Swastic Union CC (1) 91/2 in 14 overs (Vrateen Prashant Padti 53).

Visweswarapuram CC (2) 153 in 43.3 overs (Hruday Suhas 37, Vedant Malhotra 31, Rohith Bharadwaj 3/39) lost to Bowlers CC 156/6 in 33.3 overs (M.M. Varun 65 n.o. B. Vaibhav 40, Ashitharya 4/34).

Mount Joy CC 188/9 in 50 overs (Amogh R. Shetty 54, Yashvardhn Anoop Singh 36, K.S. Chinmay 3/33) bt The Bangalore Cricketers 77 in 25.3 overs (H.N. Karthik 5/30) [Target revised to 110 from 29 overs because of rain].

Lions CC 106 in 30.3 overs (Charvik 3/12) lost to Jolly Cricketers 107 for no loss 20.4 overs (Chilukuri Akhil Subhash 34 n.o., Pankaj K. Gowda 56 n.o.).

Jawans CC 109 in 36.3 overs (C. Vaibhav 3/33, Abhyuday Bhargav 3/21) lost to Vultures CC 113/1 in 17.4 overs (Chirayu Reddy 52 n.o., N. Bhuvan Gowda 54 n.o.).

Jawahar SC (1) 193 in 42.2 overs (Abhinav Jha 27, M.C. Mourya 42, S. Govind Balaji 3/35) lost to Cambridge CC 174/4 in 30.1 overs (Rennell Pais 73 n.o., Arya J. Gowda 40, S.M. Bhavanth 26 n.o., Krushik Krishna 3/40) [Target revised to 174 from 45 overs because of rain].

Eminent Cricketers 203 in 44 overs (Kashif Ahmed Ali 101, Athish Karthik Kumar 67, R. Kushal 3/23, Ishaan Nayak 3/38) bt Malleswaram Gymkhana 196 in 46.5 overs (Vishnu Reddy 36, Manan Goel 60, Athish Karthik Kumar 3/23).

Chess tournament

Champions Chess Academy will conduct tournaments in the U-10 and U-16 categories on July 20 at Krishna Garden, Rajarajeshwari Nagar. Entries close on July 28. For details call, Balakrishna Prabhu: 9845466416.

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